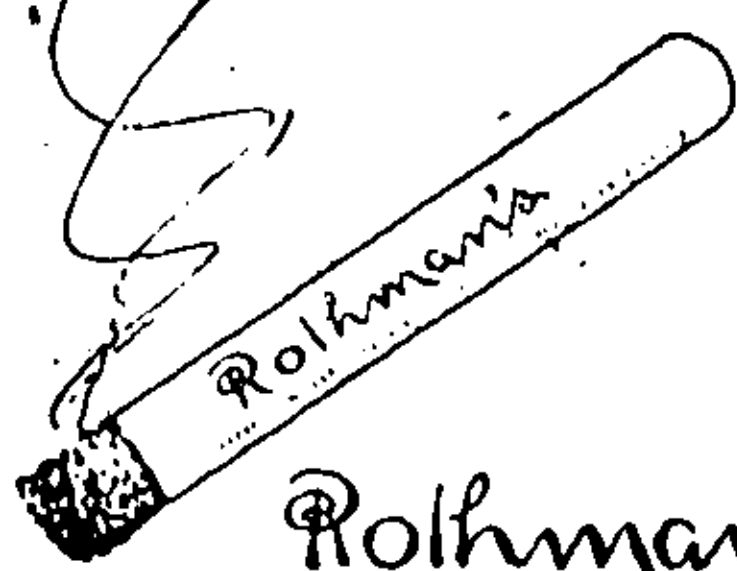


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GREAT BATTLE OF TANKS STILL RAGING ROUND SOLLUM

TURKISH PACT WITH THE HUNS

A Treaty of Friendship between Turkey and Germany was signed in Ankara at 9 o'clock last night by Franz von Papen, the Nazi Ambassador, and Dr. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, says the official German news agency.

Text of the treaty consists of three Articles, which state:—

1. Germany and Turkey bind themselves mutually to respect the integrity and inviolability of their national territory and not to resort to any measures, direct or indirect, against their treaty partner.

2. GERMANY AND TURKEY BIND THEMSELVES IN THE FUTURE ON ALL QUESTIONS TOUCHING THEIR COMMON INTERESTS TO HAVE FRIEND-

Armoured Division Makes Wide Sweep Into Desert

STAND-BY ORDER TO U.S. RESERVISTS

Stand-by orders have been issued to the last remaining U.S. naval reservists, the Navy Department stated in Washington yesterday.—Reuter.

LY CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER IN ORDER TO REACH AN UNDERSTANDING IN THE TREATMENT OF SUCH QUESTIONS.

The third Article provides for ratifications, which will be exchanged in Berlin.

The Treaty is valid for 10 years, with the possibility of prolongation.—Reuter.

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the advanced British Forces in the Western Desert)

THE BATTLE WHICH BEGAN IN THE WESTERN DESERT ON SUNDAY MAY PROVE THE GREATEST OF THE LIBYAN CAMPAIGN. PRECISELY AT DAWN, BRITISH AND INDIAN FORCES ADVANCED ON HELL-FIRE PASS, CAPUZZO AND SOLLUM FROM FOUR DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS.

A small armoured force followed the coast road — infantry, supported by tanks and artillery, spread across the plain extending from the sea to the escarpment — a famous English and a Scottish regiment attacked along the escarpment itself and the armoured division made a wide sweep out into the desert with the audacious intention of attacking Sollum from the west and taking the Germans in the rear.

On Saturday evening a British brigadier outlined to me the plan of attack for each of the four columns. With a walking-stick he drew in the sand the routes to be taken, obstacles to be encountered and the enemy's probable strength.

Quietly confident and enthusiastic, the brigadier concluded: "It is going to be a great scrap. It may be a decisive scrap."

Advancing from the rear on (Continued on Page 16)

GERMAN TROOP TRANSPORT TORPEDOED

It was officially announced in London yesterday that British submarines operating in the Aegean have torpedoed and sunk an Italian tanker and three caiques.

One of the latter was laden with German personnel, and another with drums of oil.

British submarines in the central Mediterranean have sunk two Italian supply ships.

The Italian tanker was the Giuseppina Gharaldi, of 3,319 tons.—Reuter.

INVASION PORTS BLITZED

The R.A.F. struck again at the Nazis on the French side of the Channel last evening, when bombers, escorted by fighting formations, made an offensive sweep across the Straits of Dover.

Coast watchers saw large numbers of our fighters roaring out across the Straits.

For some time after the bomber force went out, explosions, apparently from salvos of bombs, rocked the Kent coast.

Targets near Boulogne were believed to have been attacked. A terrific explosion, heard and felt on the Kent coast during the afternoon, rocked buildings and was one of the heaviest experienced for a long time.—Reuter.

PHOTOGRAPHIC CONFIRMATION

Mr. Sumner Welles, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, told the press yesterday that the Robin Moor survivors had excellent photographs corroborating their oral testimony that the vessel was sunk by a German submarine.—Reuter.

"LOSING SIDE WILL BE EXHAUSTED"

"THE GREATEST importance is attached to the outcome of the fighting at Sollum, as the losing side will be exhausted," says the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm "Dagens Nyheter."

The battle, adds the writer, is compared with the hardest fighting in the whole of last year.

Like Graziani, General Rommel appeared with a prepared offensive, and General Wavell attacked in order to break the head of the enemy's advance.

German military circles do not believe that the fighting will continue for many days owing to difficulties of supply.

The Rome correspondent of the "Dagbladet" declares the British offensive at Sollum has assumed great dimensions.

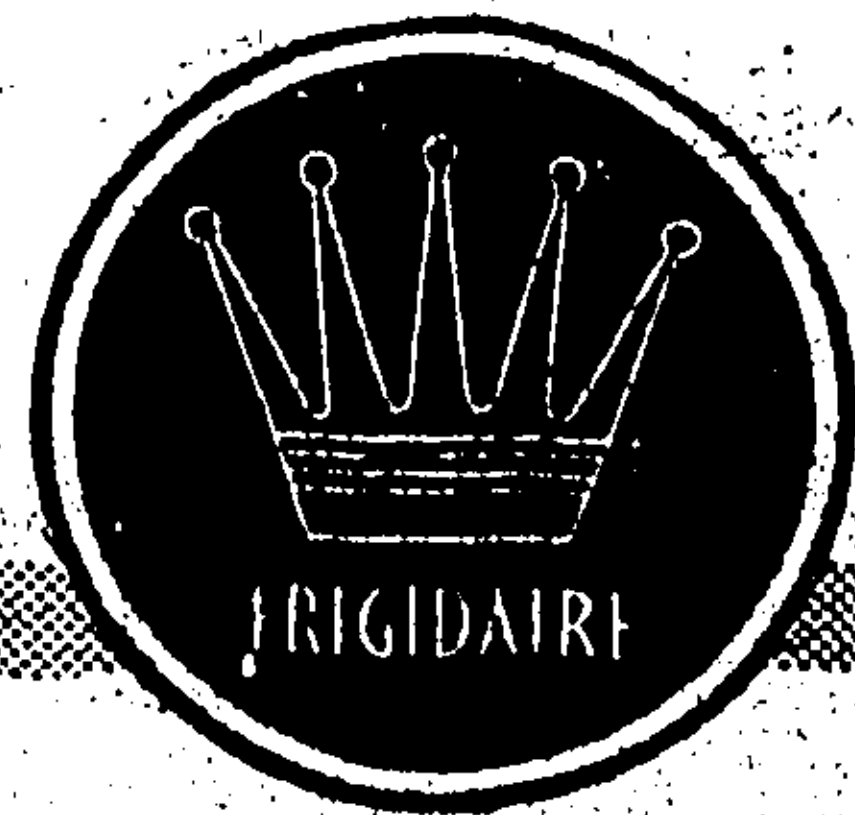
IT IS STATED IN ROME THAT DURING THE LAST THREE WEEKS THE BRITISH HAVE RECEIVED EVEN GREATER

REINFORCEMENTS, ESPECIALLY OF TANKS.

Military circles state the combined actions of General Wavell and General Wilson at Sollum and in Syria show "the British are seeking to obtain a breathing space for the defence of Suez."—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, announced yesterday he had discussed the question of an exchange of High Commissioners with Mr. Peter Fraser, New Zealand Premier, when he was passing through New Zealand. The matter had been under discussion for some time.—Reuter.



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Vichy Counter-Offensive In Syria Being Thrown Back

KUNEITRA CAPTURED BY ALLIES

THE POSITION IN SYRIA IS CONSIDERED SATISFACTORY IN USUALLY WELL INFORMED CIRCLES IN CAIRO.

Vichy raiding thrusts round Kuneitra and Merj Ayoun have been contained and ample forces are available to drive them back. This action is, in fact, in full swing.

Further east the Allied forces are slowly making their way down the foothills leading to the Plain of Damascus.

With the Allied columns making headway towards the city from various points of the compass the situation is, however, somewhat confused. Indian troops here, as in North Africa, are taking part and are doing a fine job of work, particularly in the coastal sector. — Reuter.

Kuneitra Retaken

It was authoritatively learned in Jerusalem yesterday that the Allies have recaptured Kuneitra, in Syria. — Reuter.

Labour Inquiry In F.M.S.

Major Orde-Browne, Colonial Office Labour Adviser, at present in Mauritius, will afterwards go to Malaya in connection with the enquiry into the recent labour unrest.

When questioned in the Commons yesterday whether the Malayan Government's report was yet available, the Under-Secretary for the Colonies, Mr. Hall, stated the Colonial Secretary was consulting the High Commissioner with a view to securing an early investigation and conciliation in cases of Malayan labour unrest.

The Rev. Sorensen asked whether the enquiry would be comprehensive, covering the political, economic and other aspects. Mr. Hall said it would be for the High Commissioner to decide the scope of the enquiry. — Reuter.

TRADE WITH U.S.

QUESTIONED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE WITH THE UNITED STATES AND SOUTH AMERICA FOR COLONIAL PRODUCTS, THE UNDER-SECRETARY FOR THE COLONIES, MR. HALL, SAID COLONIAL EXPORTS TO AMERICA, ESPECIALLY THE UNITED STATES, WERE ENCOURAGED BY ALL PRACTICABLE MEANS.

The possibility of increased exports of a number of commodities had already been discussed with the United States authorities, and a Colonial Office official was recently sent to Washington specially to continue the discussions. — Reuter.

BRITAIN STILL HAS QUIET NIGHTS

AN ENEMY BOMBER WAS DESTROYED ON TUESDAY NIGHT IN RAIDS ON BRITAIN, SAYS AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE LAST NIGHT.

A very small number of enemy aircraft flew over coastal areas in the south-west yesterday afternoon. Up to 8 p.m. no reports were received of any bombs having been dropped. — Reuter.



The Royal Navy now have Motor Launches in service, used for general patrol work such as anti-submarine and anti E-boats. Photo shows three of the Naval Motor Launches on patrol. The censor has eliminated armament features. — (Copyright, Fox.)

GERMAN PROTEST REJECTED

Mr. Sumner Welles, United States Under-Secretary of State, indicated at his press conference yesterday that the United States has flatly rejected the German protest regarding the closure of consulates. — Reuter.

DISMAL SILENCE IN BERLIN

German reaction to the closing of German consulates in the United States is described as a "dismal silence" by the Berlin correspondent of the "Stockholm Tidningen," who says there is an impression that Germany prefers to be surer of her position before answering.

The situation borders on rupture, though an open conflict is not imminent since the nerves of both parties are good and it is hardly likely that either will precipitate events.

Germany, adds the correspondent, desires to delay the break as long as possible. Her chief desire is to avoid facilitating President Roosevelt's "war policy."

Only measure adopted so far has been the freezing of American credits in Germany, and probably also the implication that this will also apply to occupied countries.

The principal of "not to allow ourselves to be provoked" hitherto followed, is no longer applicable to Germany but it is desired to maintain world uncertainty.

Inopportune

Though Germany is not pleased with the latest American mea-

WAS ROBIN MOOR SINKING PLANNED IN ADVANCE?

COMMENTING ON THE United States measures against German agencies and funds, the London "Times" writes editorially that everyone familiar with the kind of activity in which Germans living abroad are expected to engage under the direction of the Nazi organisation run by Herr Bohle, will understand why the U.S. Government felt compelled to terminate the long-standing abuse of American hospitality.

After recalling the circumstances of the sinking of the Robin Moor, "The Times" says that in addition to these plain facts, the American Government now has reason to believe the whole affair had been carefully planned, the approximate point of attack and the sort of vessel to be attacked being chosen to make the greatest possible impression on South American countries.

Remarking that verbal protests and arguments based on international law are "an ineffective means of dealing with pirates," the newspaper mentions the suggestion that American merchant ships be armed.

It adds it is also reported that negotiations are in progress for the construction of air bases on the coast of Brazil, for which credits would be advanced by the United States and which would be available for use by the American air force.

Vital Area

The Robin Moor was sunk in the waist of the Atlantic, about half way between Dakar and Pernambuco. It is a vital area for United States communications with South America, South Africa and East Africa.

"The Times" suggests that while a base on the Brazilian side would be useful, its usefulness would be more than doubled if supplemented by a base in West Africa.

Sites in British Gambia no more than a day's motor run from Dakar could be leased to the United States on the analogy of the West Indian bases. — Reuter.

sure, it is yet considered inopportune to say so.

The Rome correspondent of the "Tidningen" says that while the balance of the mutual freezing of credits by the U.S. and Italy benefits Italy, the relatives of emigrants in America, accustomed to receive regular remittances, will suffer hardship. — Reuter.

BROUGHTON STILL IN THE BOX

Sir Delves Broughton, who is charged with the murder of the Earl of Erroll, giving further evidence at the trial in Nairobi yesterday, did not agree that Erroll's death was a satisfactory solution of his (Broughton's) domestic troubles.

He agreed he had previously said he would take his wife back if Erroll and she fell out of love while Broughton was in Ceylon, but he now added this would have depended on what kind of life she led while he was away.

Replying to the judge, accused said his toast at dinner on January 23 to his wife, Erroll and their future help, was absolutely sincere.

Broughton denied being involved in a scene at the Mulhalla Club when, soon after his arrival in Nairobi, it was alleged, he threatened to throw champagne in his wife's face or break a bottle over a man's head.

Accused said it was a complete fairy tale. — Reuter.

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DEBATE ON LESSONS OF WAR

Lord Addison Criticises War Office Inaction

Lord Samuel Paints Brighter Picture

THE HOUSE OF LORDS yesterday debated the Battle of Crete. The debate was initiated by Lord Addison, who dwelt particularly upon the defence of the aerodromes, in which, he declared, there was a diversion of responsibility.

If higher direction on that matter was responsible for the defeat in Crete, we should not run similar risks in our home defence. Lord Addison said he was himself responsible in March and April this year for bringing to the notice of the War Office and Air Ministry a very serious memo on the subject "but nothing happened."

Lord Addison argued that the reason why this vital matter was not apprehended adequately, was because not enough play had been given at the top to brains.

Viscount Samuel (Liberal) found much cause for gratification.

Alluding to the number of important occurrences in which Hitler had failed, Lord Samuel quoted a phrase by Carlyle: "You may paint with a very big brush and yet not be a great painter."

Spain—And Russia

He referred to Iraq and to the fact that contrary to expectations a year ago, Hitler had not yet shaken Spain's neutrality and marched on Gibraltar.

The affection and mutual confidence between the Soviet and Germany, continued Lord Samuel, was now apparently shown by the massing of armed millions from the Baltic to the Black Sea.

The Soviet alliance with Japan had not frightened the United States from taking overt action to assist the Allies.

American action, he said, must be greatly influenced by the attitude of their sister Republics in Central and South America which Germany had been making intense efforts to influence but failed.

The whole of the 21 American Republics and the Pan-American Union remained solid.

Battle Of Atlantic

The Battle of the Atlantic was far from being won but it was certainly not won for Hitler.

Lord Trenchard, distinguished former Chief of the R.A.F., said there was much misunderstanding regarding recent air operations.

If more aerodromes had been built in Crete they would never have survived large-scale bombing attacks which the Germans could bring against them.

Whether it was possible ever to accumulate enough equipment adequately to defend the aerodromes in Greece and Crete, was a point which only those with full knowledge could answer.

The facilities at the disposal of the Germans for bringing up planes and supplies were incomparably superior to the British.

Reserve Problem

Lord Trenchard said: "One of the reasons for the evacuation of Crete was that we could not get a reserve of troops into the battle zone. You cannot keep your reserve troops in the battle zone."

"For this purpose of having a reserve in depth, an Air Force reserve of far greater than 100 per cent. is needed."

"There will always be a large number of reserves for the Middle East locked up in transit along lines of communication."

LORD TRENCHARD DECLARED THE DEFENCE OF AERO-

DROMES WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ARMY.

Information Wanted

Field-Marshal Lord Milne made a strong plea that the War Office should accelerate the supply of information concerning the whereabouts, if alive, of the men from Greece and Crete, as in many cases relatives did not know what had happened to their sons and husbands.

LORD CROFT INTERVENED TO GIVE AN ASSURANCE THAT THIS MATTER WAS BEING SPEEDED UP.

Lord Moyne, replying to the debate for the Government, refuted the "Nazi lie" that the whole force of the German attack in Crete was borne by Anzac troops.

British troops in operation this year had been equal in number and slightly more than equal in casualties.

The number of German dead in Crete was four times as many as the British and exceeded the total of British losses in killed, wounded and missing.

Blunted Teeth

We lost relatively little material whereas we destroyed at least 430 of the costliest German types of planes and blunted the teeth of the Luftwaffe.

Cooperation with the Army would not be inferior to that of the Germans when our system of air support was complete.

"In this country aerodromes are defended in depth. We have an air defence force and local defence serving particularly aerodromes. They will be supplemented and backed up by the Army."

Lord Moyne declared the handicap of distance to the eastern Mediterranean was being steadily counteracted.

Suez Position

The resistance in Greece and Crete had given us months to strengthen the position in the Suez Canal.

The Italians had been cleared out of threatening positions, the South Africans and others in the Red Sea operations had been enabled to reinforce the main position in the Mediterranean and counteract the treachery in Iraq and of Vichy in Syria.

Meanwhile, from Britain, the United States, India and Africa, growing volumes of armaments and transport were flowing in and far exceeded the loss of material.

In the Syrian operations the Australians were already flying American planes.

Tank Battle

If we had given a free passage to the Germans by not resisting in Greece and Crete, the situation of the Suez Canal defences

THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY

A strong plea for approval of the St. Lawrence seaway scheme was made yesterday by Col. Frank Knox, U.S. Secretary of Navy.

The scheme is for combined Canadian and United States action to deepen the connection between the upper St. Lawrence and the sea.

Col. Knox declared: "We are going to live in a disturbed world for a long time. It would be advantageous to build ships in an area reasonably secure from attack from without."

Col. Knox was addressing the House of Representatives Harbours Committee.—Reuter.

JAPANESE PLANNING NEW DRIVE?

INTENSIVE RECONNOITRING BY JAPANESE AIRCRAFT IN THE PAST TWO DAYS ALONG BOTH BANKS OF THE SIANG RIVER IN NORTHERN HUNAN, INCLUDING THE TOWNS OF HSIANG YING, SIN SHIH, AND CHING CHIN, IS CAUSING SPECULATION IN CHUNGKING WHETHER THE JAPANESE INTEND TO LAUNCH A DRIVE IN THAT REGION.

Field despatches from the Northern Hunan front report that the Japanese forces in Southern Hupeh along the Hupeh-Hunan highway have launched attacks between Tungchen, Tsungyang and Tungshan towards points on the Hunan border but it is pointed out that so far the fighting has been of minor importance.

Information reaching Chinese military authorities in Chungking indicates that the Japanese have been sending reinforcements to the Hankow area, probably between one and two divisions.—Reuter.

would have been far more anxious than it was to-day. We had used the time to good purpose."

The prospects of the present vicious tank battle would have been very different if the Germans could have got in all the tanks they wanted and if we had not had four months in which to reinforce our resources.

The sacrifices and sufferings undergone by the British, Australian and New Zealand forces had not only caused a serious setback in Hitler's Eastern plans but might bring their final wrecking.—Reuter.



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SINO-BURMA BORDER DELIMITATION

AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES between the Chinese and British Governments on the delimitation of the Sino-Burma frontier, took place in Chungking at 5 p.m. yesterday.

One Note defines in detail the line which is to be the frontier between Yunnan and Burma and another Note defines the boundaries of the area on the Burma side of the frontier in which the Burman Government agrees to permit Chinese participation in any mining enterprise which may be undertaken by British concerns.

HOSPITAL BOMB RESCUES

Rescue work at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, after the buildings were bombed, has been recognised by the award of three George Medals to Dr. H. R. B. Norman, resident assistant physician, Mr. Peter Maling, medical student, and Mr. H. E. Frewer, assistant clerk of works.

Two men were trapped and injured in a confusion of blazing gas mains, collapsing masonry and choking fumes when a bomb destroyed the dispensary stores and crashed into the basement.

"Mr. Frewer," the official account states, "led the rescue party into this very dangerous area. Dr. Norman, assisted by Mr. Maling, burrowed into the debris and gave morphia injections to the injured men. They ultimately extricated the casualties."

Dr. Norman's wife is a sister-in-law of Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary.

Rescuer Sprayed

Other George Medals go to: Harold Rogers, a Wallasey dock gateman, who crawled under burning debris and rescued a child. He then had himself sprayed with water to prevent his clothing catching fire and went back, assisted by A.F.S. men. Three women were taken from beneath a burning staircase which collapsed within a few minutes of the rescue.

Robert Vandehook, of the London A.F.S., who removed a bomb from the hall of his fire service station and covered it with sandbags.

Robert Batey and John Milne, Westminster air-raid wardens, who scaled dangerous wreckage of a house and, after a two-hours search rescued a woman by means of knotted sheets. All the time adjoining property was ablaze, and more bombs fell close by.

For 30 hours, Alexander Prentice, assistant superintendent at the Royal infirmary, Sheffield, led incendiary bomb fighters on a hazardous journey through a false roof, tackled outbreaks of fire, and saved expensive new machinery and electrical installations.

He becomes an M.B.E. (Civil Division) for "outstanding bravery and an intrepid spirit."

Bombed German Cruisers

Pilot Off. R. A. Esler, a Belfast man, has been awarded the D.F.C. for his part in an attack last month on the German battle cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneissau in Brest Harbour.

Pilot Off. Esler, the observer of a plane, searched for some time in the darkness, in face of intense A.A. and searchlight activity. After dropping a stick of bombs, he made two more runs, obtaining proof that the ships were there. This officer has also obtained first-class bombing results on Venice, Cologne, Bremen and Wilhelmshaven.

In 1885, Britain annexed Upper Burma and by Article Three of the Convention relating to Burma and Tibet, entered into between Britain and China in 1886, it was agreed that the frontier between China and Burma be marked by a delimitation commission.

Negotiations opened in 1892 and a Convention was signed on March 1, 1894 defining the frontier.

A subsequent agreement in 1897 provided for certain modifications but considerable difficulties were experienced owing to the inexactness of the terms used in the Convention.

Three separate Boundary Commissions failed to reach an agreement regarding a portion of the frontier of about 200 miles between the Rvers Namting and Namhka.

Mineral Deposits

The matter was in abeyance for over 30 years until, in 1934, it was taken up owing to difference of opinion regarding the right to investigate certain mineral deposits believed to exist in the disputed area.

By an exchange of Notes in Nanking in April 1935, China, Britain and India agreed to the establishment of a Commission under the chairmanship of a Commissioner appointed by the League of Nations which submitted a report on the recommendations.

The matter was again shelved when hostilities between China and Japan broke out in the Summer of 1937.

The question became again acute when the Chinese Government decided to press on with the construction of the Yunnan-Burma Railway because the easiest route would take the railway across the area in dispute.

In these circumstances, aided by the more friendly atmosphere prevailing between China and Britain, a solution was quickly found and this solution was embodied in the Notes which were exchanged in Chungking yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

GEORGE CROSS TO DEAD OFFICER

The posthumous award of the George Cross to Sec. Lt. (Actg. Capt.) Michael Floud Blaney, of the Royal Engineers, for "most conspicuous gallantry in carrying out hazardous work in a very brave manner," was announced in the London Gazette.

Lance-Cpl. W. H. Styles, of the R.A.S.C. who helped to rescue three people trapped in the cellar of a Chatham house which had been demolished by a bomb, receives the George Medal.

Among those commended is Fusilier William Richard Jones, Royal Welch Fusiliers, for his part in the rescue of the pilot of a burning Nazi bomber near Horsham, Sussex, for which three farm workers have already been commended.

SUNDAY DINNER IN THE RUINS

Families Defy Bombings

Families continue to live in badly bombed London houses. In the streets of one district where humble homes lay tumbled in the dust or remained standing but battered, a wisp of smoke from a cracked chimney stack proclaimed that Sunday dinner was being cooked as usual.

In one such street visited, where a number of families lived till the Wednesday night's great raid, some still carried on.

They had no gas, but they sat down to a dinner of roast lamb, baked potatoes and greens, followed by tea.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brewer said: "I cooked my dinner on the open fire, which we lit with bits of wood salvaged from bombed houses."

Her husband drove a railway engine through a raid and came home to find his home wrecked. But they stayed, and Cordelia, the eldest daughter, brought a bunch of daffodils to cheer the one room in which the whole family now lives and sleeps.

Mrs. Brewer's immediate worry is washing. A brick has become wedged and she cannot get the copper fire going.

Little Joe Brewer, who is six, estimated his loss of an ice cream cornet, through falling on the muddy edge of a crater, as worse than bombing.

By the shattered porch of the Brewers' house seven-year-old Vera solemnly played shops by herself.

Will Not Leave

Further down the street was the Nehercot family, also reduced to one habitable room, the small kitchen. Mr. Fred Nehercot is a London bus driver, and his wife only lately left hospital.

"We are not going to leave here," Mr. Nehercot said. "We'd only just got straight from our last packet some months ago; new ceilings, new wall-papers and everything—and here we go again."

The England family still lives on the top floor of a block of L.C.C. flats which were badly hit the same Wednesday. One side of the block stands open.

"We have been here eight years and we are not going," said Mr. Edward England, who has just been invalided out of the Army. "We are staying put, the way Mr. Churchill wants us to. We have had as good a Sunday dinner to-day as we ever had in our lives."

As I left the flats I saw Union Jacks flying from battered windows, young men in uniform called for their sweethearts, and two little girls in frilly frocks skipped in the debris.

Killed On Duty

The deaths of two women killed by enemy action while on duty are announced.

Mrs. Greina Jefferies, only daughter of Major-Gen. Sir Guy Beatty, was killed while at her post with a fire-fighting squad. She was the wife of Mr. T. C. Jefferies, an officer cadet.

Mrs. Joan Forsyth, wife of Capt. H. W. Forsyth, Royal Scots, and elder daughter of Sir Donald Kingdon, was also killed on duty.

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By BUD FISHER



BRITAIN'S "PANZER" DIVISIONS

The British Armoured Divisions have been re-organised. They now form a most powerful instrument of war and are capable of meeting any corresponding formation of the enemy with every prospect of success.

Changes have been made in the types of fighting vehicles with a view to producing the hardest hitter ever known in our army organisation. The component parts, too, are well balanced.

These self-contained units include, in addition to the latest design of tank, mobile artillery, anti-aircraft and anti-tank units, field squadrons of Royal Engineers lorry-borne infantry and administrative and maintenance units.

Cruiser Tank's Uses

The cruiser tank is the standard fighting vehicle. It has a speed and fire power which, apart from its normal employment, make it useful as a close-recon-

naissance machine. Arrangements have been made for distant reconnaissance.

Both in gun power and armour our armoured divisions are incomparably superior to the Italian formations, while it is confidently asserted that the British divisions are at least as powerful instruments as any of the German Panzer divisions so far put into the field.

The German Panzer divisions each include about 300 to 400 tanks of various designs and sizes, but there appears to be no finality about their organisation. The Nazis are understood to show a decided preference for heavier rather than lighter tanks. They have already substituted the motor-cycle for the light tank for reconnaissance purposes.

WANT WHITE-OUT ON THE BLACK-OUT

An appeal to motorists to put white paint on blacked-out portions of direction indicators is made by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. White paint makes the indicators more visible in daylight.

MILITARY CODE FOR WOMEN

Now that members of the A.T.S. and the W.A.A.F. are to be given full Army and Air Force status, a code of regulations is being worked out and will be presented to Parliament shortly.

The new status was announced to the House of Commons by the War Minister, Capt. Margesson, and the Under-Secretary for Air, Capt. Balfour.

Regulations being prepared by the War Office and the Air Ministry will define which sections of the Army Act will be applicable to women. Such questions as saluting between men and women in uniform, right of resignation, welfare services and punishments will be decided.

Freeing Men's Services

Both the A.T.S. and W.A.A.F. have been so valuable in freeing men for other duties that they are to be greatly increased in numbers.

To-day there are 35,000 members of the A.T.S. and nearly double that number are needed. Women are also becoming increasingly necessary to the R.A.F. in a wide range of duties.

It is felt that full status will make the Services even more attractive to women.

Women On Education

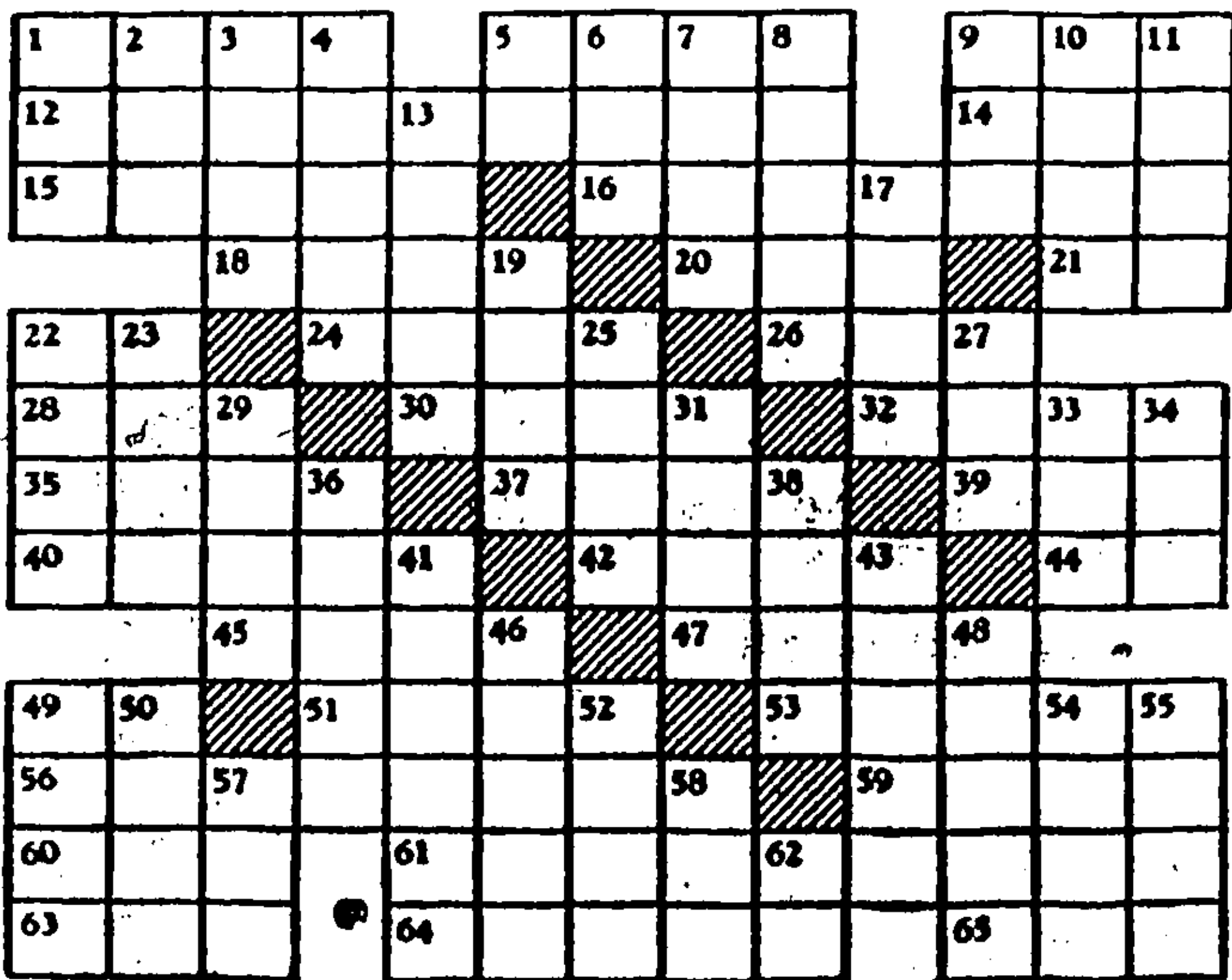
Capt. Margesson made it clear that A.T.S. women will be employed only on work for which they have a special aptitude, including duties at searchlight and gun stations. There was a particular need for women of good education.

"The service will remain a women's service," he said, "under the general direction of women. The disciplinary code of the Army will be applied to it only in so far as the wider responsibilities now envisaged necessitate."

Existing members were enrolled on the understanding that they would be subject on active service to military law and any penalties that might be prescribed. They were not, therefore, being subjected to conditions inconsistent with the terms on which they enrolled.

Similar assurances about the W.A.A.F.s were made by Capt. Balfour.

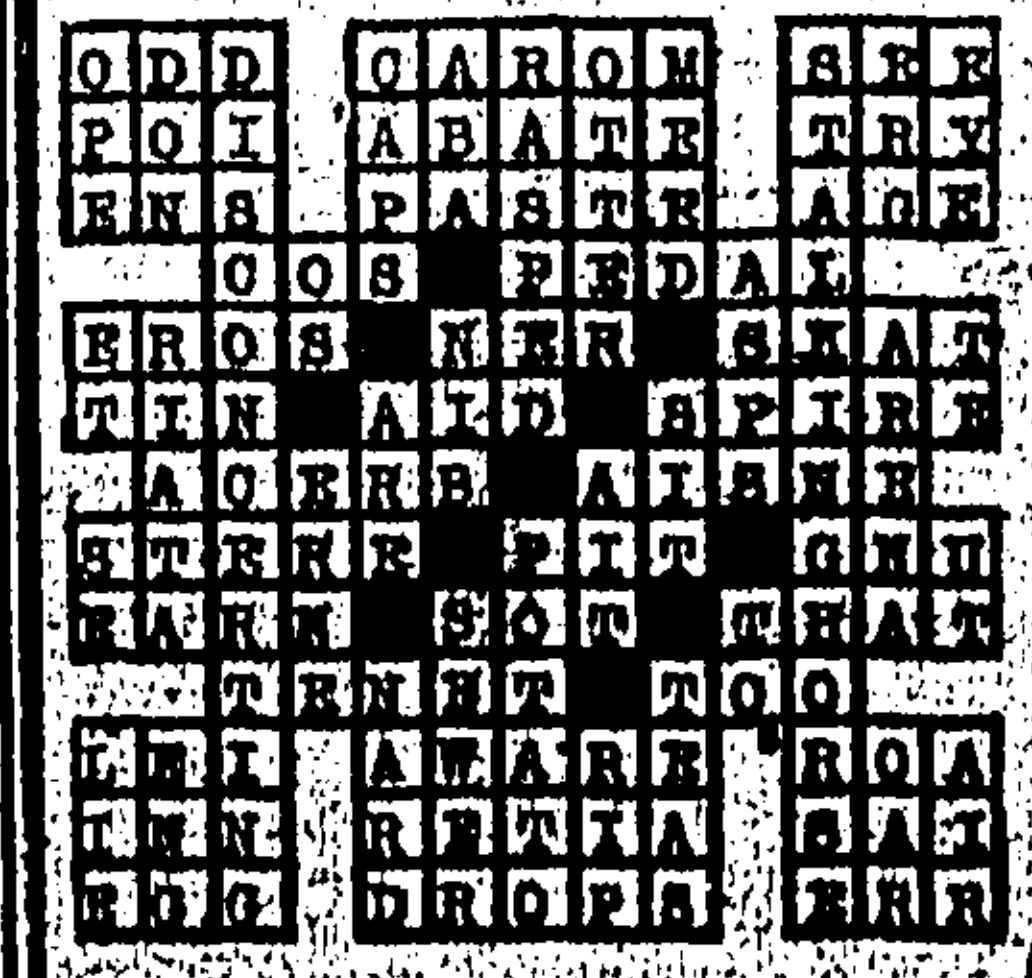
OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 Sharp
 - 5 Epic poem
 - 9 To append
 - 12 Discard
 - 14 Author of "The Raven"
 - 15 Lock of hair
 - 16 Underground prison
 - 18 Line of junction
 - 20 French coin
 - 21 Pronoun
 - 22 Exclamation of satisfaction
 - 24 Narrow opening
 - 28 To obstruct
 - 29 To observe
 - 30 Son of Lot
 - 32 Weasel-like mammal
 - 35 Epochs
 - 37 Heavenly body
 - 39 To recline
 - 40 Variety of coffee
 - 42 Ox of Celebes
 - 44 Preposition
 - 45 Rabble
 - 47 Descendant of the ancient Egyptians
 - 48 Because
 - 51 Is mistaken

- VERTICAL**
- 1 Deed
 - 2 Vehicle
 - 3 Desserts
 - 4 Quantities of medicine
 - 5 What did you say?
 - 6 Seed covering
 - 7 Burden
 - 8 Church council
 - 9 Simian
 - 10 Unhappy destiny
 - 11 To refuse
 - 13 Sacred song
 - 17 U. S. naval station
 - 19 Lows, as a cow
 - 22 Ancient alloy
 - 23 Chief male figure of a play
 - 25 Residence of chieftain
 - 27 Wire measure
 - 29 Every
 - 31 Seat of justice
 - 33 Island of the Cyclades
 - 34 Range of knowledge
 - 38 Utter
 - 39 Cover of a building
 - 41 To stop
 - 43 Aside
 - 46 To hang
 - 48 Game fish
 - 49 God of war
 - 50 Prefix: half
 - 52 To cut
 - 54 Wings
 - 55 To take out
 - 57 Mongrel
 - 59 Prefix: three
 - 62 European fish

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



JUST HIS CUP O' TEA

A free cup of tea which she served led to the marriage of Eleanor Farrington, Y.M.C.A. mobile canteen voluntary worker, of The Grange, Wellesbourne, Warwick, to Czechoslovakian Lance-Corporal Vitezslav Glaser.

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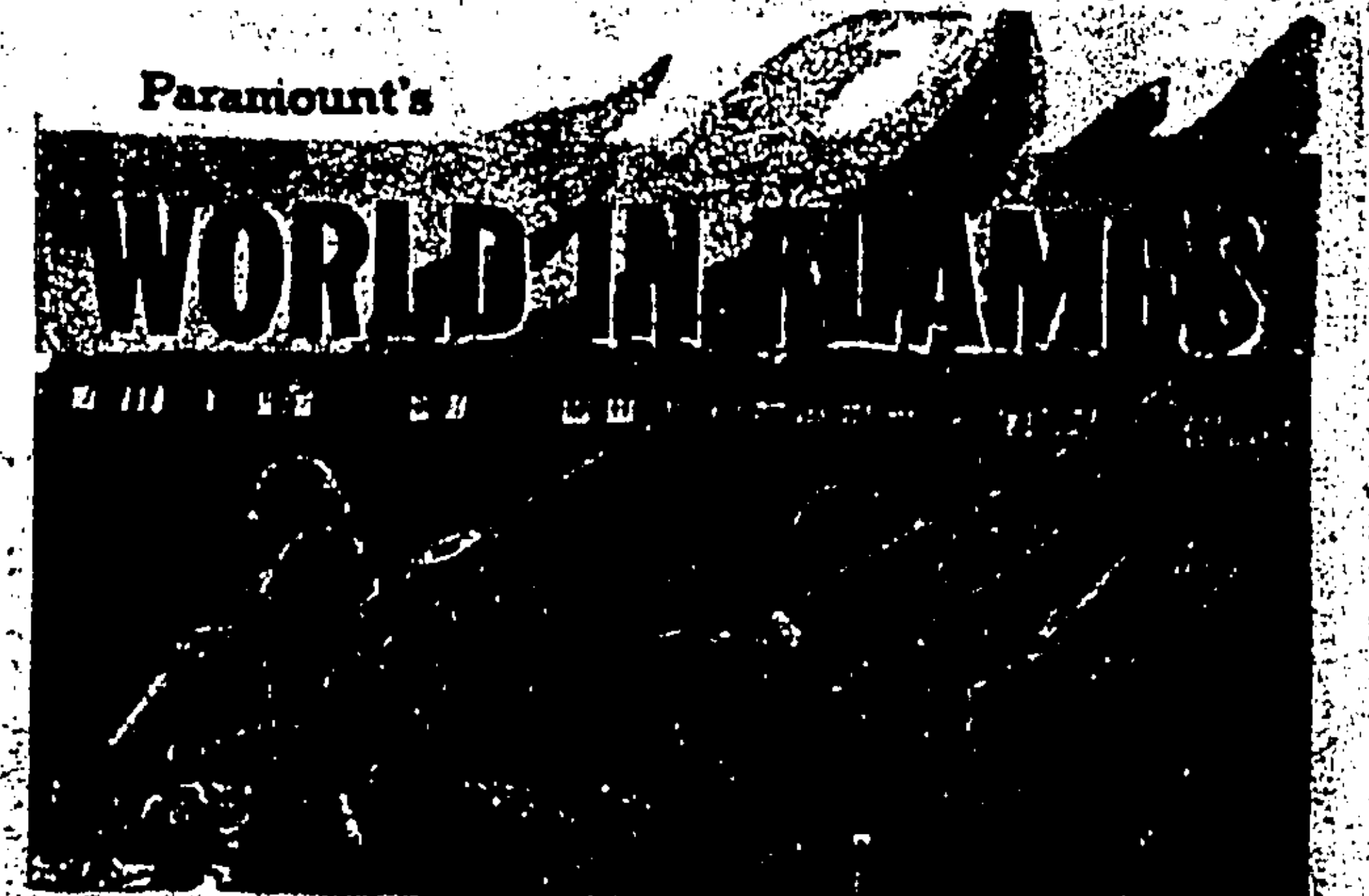
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FULL STORY OF FRANCE'S POLICY BARED

"DARLAN IS JUST as dangerous to England now as Laval was. Since becoming Vice-Premier and Petain's nominated successor, he has allowed personal ambition to overrule all else," writes Mr. David Scott, "News Chronicle" special correspondent from Lisbon.

"He cannot simply hand over the French Fleet to Germany—first, because he has already given a written undertaking not to do so, secondly, because the Fleet would mutiny if he did.

"But his proposal to stand aloof—the only disinterested figure. Darlan dreams of naval victories. Other Ministers think up little administrative stunts to please 'the old man.' The French try hard to persuade themselves that Petain embodies the 'new France' that will somehow emerge.

"Since Dakar, Darlan's great idea is that the French Fleet can beat the British squadron in the Mediterranean. He tells everyone this.

"Ninety-five per cent. of French people are still pro-British and expect a British victory. But they do not want to fight themselves. They wait passively while Britain fights.

"The other five per cent. are actively pro-German, preach co-operation, and bank on a German victory this summer.

"Unfortunately, it is these five per cent. who have control."

Wishful Thinking

These are some of the more striking facts from a story told me last night by an absolutely reliable informant who has just returned to Lisbon after a trip to Vichy and a visit to the occupied zone, during which he lived for a week in Paris.

The picture he gives of life in France corrects the wishful thinking about French possibilities.

Here is some more of his story told in his own words:

"The change in the French people is tragic. It must be seen to be believed. Though the majority hope for a British success, they are down and out for the time being, incapable of any reaction.

"In the occupied zone the Germans have complete control, with the connivance of Laval and most of the local authorities.

"Laval recently admitted privately that popular sentiment was 'pro-British.' But I don't care about that," he said. "Public opinion doesn't count here nowadays, and it will learn that in time. While the German Army is in France, we can do what we think necessary."

"Paris was sad to see again. Life goes on quietly, but the city seems dead. It is full of German troops: they're everywhere, and have their eyes on everyone and everything.

"Almost every hotel is requisitioned. I did not find many old friends; but, of the few I did find, all but one accepted German occupation as a lesser evil than war.

"The Germans weren't so bad, they said. They behaved correctly—I got sick of hearing that phrase.

"It is true that the Germans don't interfere much in daily life and they pay their way. But they keep strict discipline on the French, none the less.

"Lately, they have been shooting more people, often for trifling offences. While I was in Paris a French ex-policeman crossed the street outside the marked pedestrian crossing. A German military policeman caught his arm, pushed him roughly. Without thinking, the man turned and struck the policeman. That means death. Next morning an official notice outside the Mairie announced that he had already been executed.

"A fearful unreality pervades everything. Everyone is terribly busy, but everyone knows in his heart that what he does doesn't count.

Stunts Invented To Please Petain

"Those in high places have become utterly cynical, seeking but their own advantage. Petain

"Petain's words are law, but men almost as old, though without his honesty, run the show. When Petain seems in a bad mood, Ministers invent a new law to please him.

"One day Alibert, Minister of Justice, had a brain-wave coming down in his hotel lift. He drafted a law setting up courts-martial for 'Black Bourse' operators on the back of an envelope, got the hotel office to type it and had it signed by the Marshal before lunch.

"While they occupy France for the present, the Germans do not forget the future. One reason for French 'cooperation' is a veiled threat conveyed by Hitler in a written note to Darlan after a secret meeting with the Admiral. Hitler said that Germany looked forward to full and permanent collaboration with France after the war, but France's share in the 'new Europe' would depend on Germany's observation of her conduct during the Armistice period.

"Meanwhile French industry is being acquired wholesale by Germans as legal property in return for payments made with francs extracted from the French. France has to pay 400 million francs daily for the cost of German occupation. The real cost is about 125 millions. The balance is used to buy up French industry, 90 per cent. of which is already working for Germany.

INDO-CHINA WILL TAKE NO ACTION

No action is contemplated by Indo-China authorities against some 200 Britishers living in Saigon, following the Franco-British hostilities over Syria, reliable sources said.

Colonial officials are aware of the awkward position Indo-China occupies during the Syrian flare-up, but they hope they can keep aloof from any other French participation in the European conflict. Their aim, sources said, is to continue peaceful relations with other Far Eastern countries.

Business circles emphasised that Indo-China is virtually dependent upon the continuation of local trade to survive, since European trade has ceased. Therefore, they said, it is to the colony's advantage to retain the status quo.

In any event, it is believed that Indo-China will not participate, now that Anglo-French hostilities have begun.—Associated Press.

BADGE OFF: P.C. ACTED

Because he had no cap badge, Private Harold Henry Parker, of the Royal West Kent, was arrested by Police Constable Foster at Crayford. At Dartford Parker admitted being an absentee and was handed over to an escort.

YOUNGEST SQUADRON LEADER PRISONER

Squadron Leader E. H. Lynch-Blosse, aged twenty-four, youngest squadron leader, reported missing last month after a big raid on Berlin, is a prisoner.

His uncle, Squadron Leader P. W. Lynch-Blosse, is one of the oldest bomber pilots.

ROYAL SECRET DISCLOSED

"The King's life is moving peace fully towards its close."

This message, broadcast at intervals on the night of January 20, 1936, still recalls to the Empire's millions some of their darkest hours—those of the night of the death of King George the Fifth.

How it came to be written is disclosed in "King George the Fifth," by John Gore (John Murray, 18s. net).

That fateful night the Royal family dined alone. They sent in to Lord Dawson for the wording of the nine o'clock bulletin.

Lord Dawson consulted Lord Wigram and said to the company at the household dinner: "I think the time is past for details."

Then it was that he wrote on the back of a card his last and beautifully-worded message.

In a letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury about the King's Christmas broadcasts, King George wrote:

"I suppose it does give pleasure, but it is rather an effort for me. No doubt it brings me into close touch with my people all over the world and that of course, I am very keen about."

Of the present King and Queen King George V. wrote on January 15 1923: "Bertie arrived after tea and informed us that he was engaged to Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon to which we gladly gave our consent. I trust they will be happy."

"She is a pretty and charming girl and Bertie is a lucky fellow."

GERMANS FIREPROOF FORESTS

A preparation with which whole forests have been made proof against R.A.F. incendiary leaves is claimed by a firm of German chemists to have been perfected in Berlin.

First a number of oil bombs are dropped over the specified area, followed shortly afterwards by further bombs resembling the ordinary incendiary bombs. A chemical action ensues, the resultant gas impregnating the trees.

After three weeks—sufficient time for the gas to work in thoroughly—huge quantities of a whitish substance, basically ordinary table salt, are dropped from low, slow-flying planes.

The table salt is claimed to form a substance in action with the other chemicals which fireproofs the trees.

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

STATUS QUO

When all the signs point to an early intensification of the world crisis with, possibly, a vast extension of the field of conflict, it is of interest to examine the arguments of those who justify an attitude of non-resistance to aggressors on the basis of a lofty contempt for the status quo. Britain, they say, is fighting to maintain the status quo; United States aid to Britain assists her in that fell task. These cranks employ the expression accusingly, as if, for example, the existence of Holland as a democratic, capitalistic state were necessarily an evil, because Herr Hitler found the little country lying athwart his path to empire; as if, since the phrase, "Whatever is, is right," is admittedly fallacious, the opposite must be true.

But aside from this trick of logic, which is probably only the usual result of over-simplification of terms in debate, there is a more serious objection to the facile use of status quo as a reproach. This is the underlying assumption that the democratic powers, the "have" powers, seek to freeze the present state of mankind, the bounds of its habitation and its way of life. Any such assumption is false. Within each democratic organism there are conservative and radical tendencies, maintaining a tension that is often costly, to be sure, but always fruitful of change. By this process the British dominions have evolved from the status of portions of an empire to partners in a commonwealth. By this process the United States is encouraging the growth of a new nation in the Far East—the Commonwealth of the Philippines. Through all the territories of the great free States the evolution of the principle of government, by consent of the governed, has been under way—and it was accelerated during that very post-Versailles period when the democracies are accused of sitting on the lid of a bubbling status quo.

To be sure, these developments had no direct effect on the "have-not" nations, but the fact that the "haves" were steadily divesting themselves of the power to exploit their possessions is a measure of the necessity—which Germany, Italy and Japan insist upon—of

London is the first city in the world to have suffered for six months the weight of German air attacks and to be still breathing, living, working and producing.

The capital of the United Kingdom and the British Commonwealth has become the chief target of the German air force because it is the centre of resistance of the English speaking countries. It is the symbol of everything that links the British Commonwealth of Nations together.

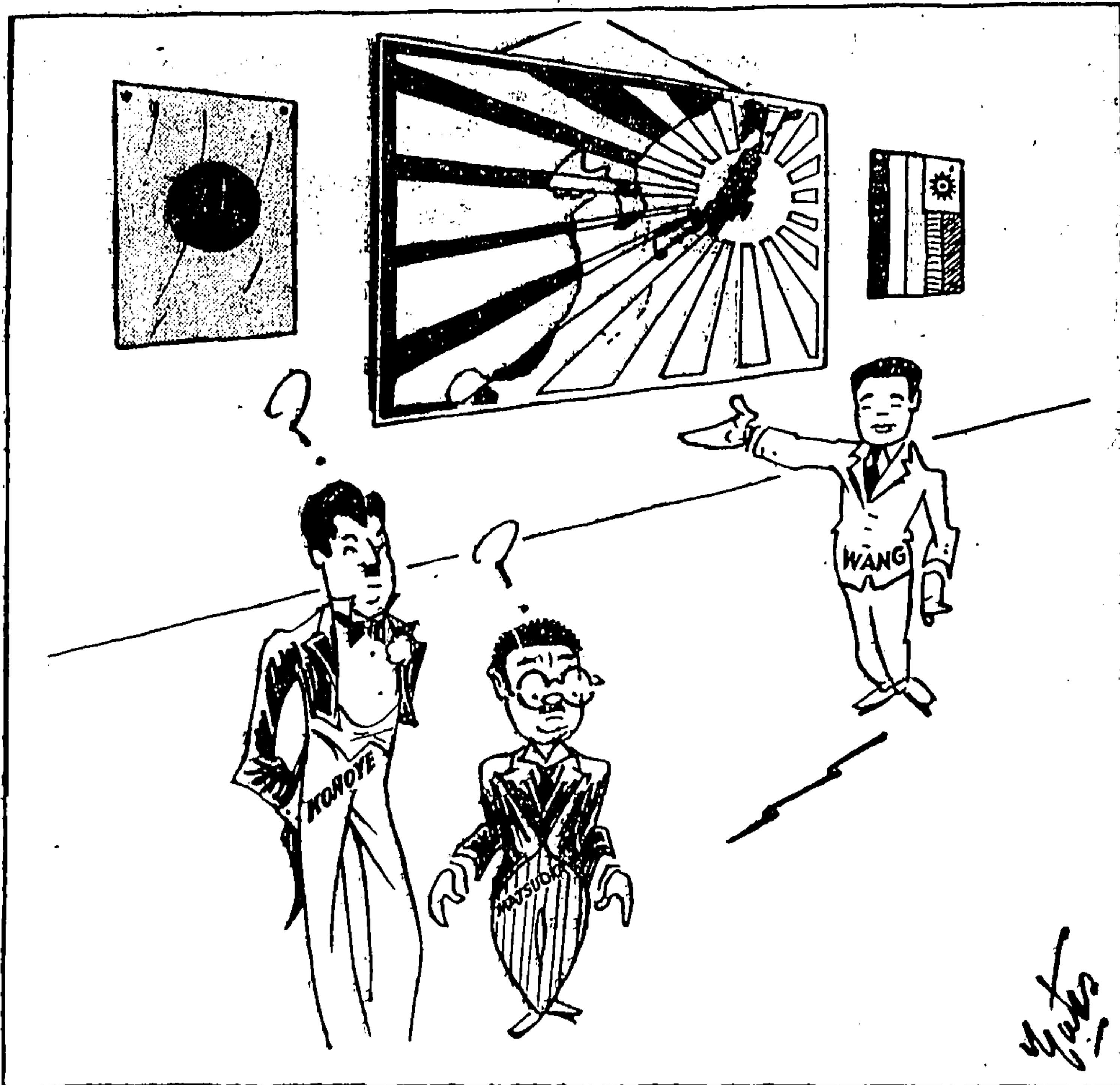
It is the strong and regularly beating heart of a nation fighting with all its power against subjugation by totalitarian conquerors.

The silent courage of Londoners who have taken and are still taking so much upon themselves without grumble or complaint has often been noted by this neutral reporter. Many observers have asked themselves about the real background of this almost inconceivable will to hold out.

The fact that England is to-day not merely resisting, but hitting back and more certain of victory than ever, is considered by the

such forcibly held territories in a world where law and a fair opportunity to trade abroad prevail. By upsetting that law and denying that opportunity the totalitarian powers have, indeed, upset a world order—but it was not a static order; not an order of forcible repression such as is now in the making in Europe and Asia.

Should this new order prevail, the real evils of a status quo maintained by force, with no outlet for protest, no instrument of change save the sword, will be visited on the world.



WANTED: A LITTLE MORE PLACE IN A LITTLE LESS SUN.

London Defies The Fury: I

By
Gottfried J. Keller

London Correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten."

Englishman to be only what he expected.

The average Briton is surprised that neutral observers perpetually wonder at his ability to take such punishment.

During the last six months Londoners have certainly provided final proof that England is not—as the propaganda of her enemies has asserted again and again—an overfed, decrepit, weakened nation.

As a reporter I have been living in London and its immediate vicinity during the blitz. I have watched life in the shelters—have taken refuge in them.

I have seen the damage in West, South, East and North, as well as at the docks. I have journeyed along the South Coast. I have talked to innumerable victims who have lost their homes. To-day more than ever I am firmly convinced that war in the air alone can never succeed in breaking the British will of resistance.

Only a successful occupation of England by a gigantic hostile army could subjugate this people even temporarily, and waiting for this invasion attempt are, as Mr. Churchill has said, not only the Government but also the fish in the channel.

As is generally admitted, English propaganda is poor, while that of her enemies is not. During the last weeks, however, enemy broadcasts have indulged in descriptions of conditions in London which have made Londoners happy with laughter. In these radio reports wish is father to the thought.

The Londoner was given the opportunity to hear that he

without light, without water, without gas, without electricity, that the postal services were no longer functioning, the telephone was cut off, whole streets could no longer be used, the railways were completely disorganised, the food shops had no goods to sell, and more stuff of this kind.

In my daily cables I have tried to correct this impression and to describe from day to day conditions as they really are.

The purpose of these articles is to give the neutral reader a picture of life in London to-day, after six months of blitzkrieg from the air—without embellishment or propaganda, without adding to or subtracting from the facts.

Dealing first with communications, in a few cases these have been slowed down, in a few others interrupted for a short time, but in no case have they been stopped entirely. Here and there, when a station or a line had been hit, delays were overcome in an astonishingly short time.

At the beginning of the blitz the mail was often delayed; but this defect, too, has long since been overcome.

As far as the telephone is concerned, for a time the rule was that no unofficial calls whatever should be made during air attacks or alerts. This rule has now been revised. The telephone authorities have become more accommodating and the calls continue, alarm or no alarm.

It has happened that here and there one of the many London exchanges has been affected by the blitz, but in most cases the damage was repaired and normal service resumed within one or two days.

As ever, the famous red buses drive in unbelievable numbers through the streets of London; now their number has even been increased by additional buses from the Provinces. Where a street has been blocked or its passage made unsafe by a time bomb, the street running parallel with it is used.

Bus traffic has not suffered; lately it has even been improved by the introduction of express routes.

The undergrounds also are functioning day in, day out.

(These despatches appeared in the Swiss newspaper "Basler Nachrichten").

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ON HAINAN IS
NOT COMPLETE****"OCCUPATION"** OF Hainan island, China's largest insular possession south of Kwangtung province, does not mean that, writes Vaughn Meisling, Hong Kong correspondent of the Associated Press.

It is true the Japanese landed in February 1939, and gradually took possession of ports and coast line, beginning with the capital, Kiungchow. It is also true they are still there — but never very far from the sapphire waters of the China Sea and the Gulf of Tongking.

The vast interior of this rich tropical domain, which is larger than Belgium, is still Chinese with an organised government and a well-equipped guerilla army to harass the invaders 24 hours a day. No amount of "mopping up" by the Japanese will more than dent the armour of the dauntless islanders.

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Brings Fresh Reports

You can strafe—and the Japanese do occasionally when they have been crossed a little too outrageously—with bombers or with raids on villages on the narrow coastal plain. But large-scale offensives against the guerillas seldom take place.

Feng Wei-hsien, Hainan island member of the People's Political Council of Kwangtung province, has brought fresh reports on the general conditions to the mainland. He says the principal Chinese forces are intact in the interior, under the command of General Wang I, while General Wu Tao-nan heads the political administration and controls the militia.

The hide-and-seek of guerilla fighting has been carried on for the last two years, and the alien intruders are getting bogged, if anything.

True, the Japanese have lately made practical use of various coastal sites on Hainan island in preparation for their much-trumpeted southward movement. They have built naval stations and fortresses, they have established gasoline depots and air fields along the foam-swept littoral. It is reported that upwards of 50,000 Japanese soldiers are now undergoing training there, to get used to tropical fighting conditions. And malaria, if possible.

Survives Ravages

But as for controlling the island, it just isn't in the cards. Hainan has survived two years of ravages, including (according to the official Chinese Central News agency) the massacre of 100,000 civilians and the destruction of an even larger number of homes, and come out on top.

The local government is now said to be on an efficient war-time basis—the male population generally are given a rigorous military training, the

women taught to do auxiliary war service.

Food production and distribution are controlled, and soldiers are put to the plough or employed on reclamation projects when they can be spared. Organised refugee relief work is reported to be in full swing.

It looks as though the Hainan islanders, while eluding the blessings of "co-prosperity" a la Japan, are not doing too badly behind their protecting palm-fronds and lianas.

**REYNAUD
BACK IN
PRISON**

Paul Reynaud, former Premier of France, was taken back to prison shortly after he had been released on the prospect of being kept in forced residence at his home, southern France. No reason for this action was announced.

The second Premier of war-time France, Reynaud has been in custody since German occupation of France. He became Premier March 21, 1940, succeeding Edouard Daladier, and served until Marshal Henri Petain became conqueror of France's leader June 16.

**RACED TO WIN
RACE: FINED £1**

Gordon Richards, the jockey, was fined £1 at Lincoln for exceeding the speed limit in his car at North Hykeham, and his motor licence was endorsed. His speed was given at 45 m.p.h.

The offence was committed on Lincolnshire Handicap day when Gordon arrived at the course in time to ride Snapdragon, 10-1 winner of the first race.

LION AT BALL

A caged lion roared greetings to arriving guests at a Rule Britannia ball at Palm Beach, Florida, in aid of Bundles for Britain and the British War Relief Society. Women wore red, white and blue frocks. —Reuter.

**"EASTER
EGG" OF
£400**

Eight members of the Forces, travelling North by train recently, each received surprise Easter "eggs," it was revealed in the "Sunday Chronicle."

Four of the men are in the R.A.F. and the other four in the Army.

A fellow-passenger in the train — Mr. Lewis Walcott, a retired London stockbroker — handed to each of them a sealed envelope, and asked the men not to open them until he had left the train. When they opened the envelopes each found £50 in notes.

Asked later the motive for this amazing burst of generosity, Mr. Walcott said it was an Easter thank offering for the escape of himself and his family in the last raid on Coventry.

It was his personal recognition of what the boys in the Force were doing.

One of the men, an aircraftman, who has a wife and two children, said that the giver "must be a great fellow."

The money would enable his wife and family to have the best Easter they ever had.

**BELGIANS IN OUR
NAVY**

A special section of the Royal Navy for Belgian personnel has been formed. It will be known as the Royal Navy (Section Belge).

**POLES BUY OWN GOOD
AT (NAZI) PROFIT**

HERMANN GOERING, whose personal fortune was already big enough to enable him to plant £1,500,000 abroad without feeling the pinch, is now busy feathering his nest in Poland.

His industrial combine, Hermann Goering Werke, has taken over nearly all the main collieries of Upper Silesia.

One of his new board of German directors is Dr. Ebeling, formerly a director of the Polish "Pless concern," who was prosecuted for fraud and fled from Poland to avoid arrest.

Nazi "trustees" have now taken over most of the large estates, and commercial enterprises in Poland. The right to own property of any kind has been abolished for the Polish population.

The law is simple. Whatever a Pole possesses, down to the very necessities of life, is held on sufferance, and can be taken from him "if German interests require it."

The German agricultural depot in Cracow recently bought a quantity of seed from

Polish merchants who had been forced to reveal their stocks. They sold it back compulsorily on the same day to the same merchants at a considerably higher price.

In East Poland the Germans are known to be speeding up the building of fortifications, underground hangars, and airfields on the Russian border.

**"SEND PRISONERS
CLOTHES"**

Supply British prisoners of war in Germany with blankets and warm clothing before next winter sets in.

Three M.P.s are to make that request to the War Minister.

It is suggested that the Red Cross should dispatch clothing to depot in Cracow recently bought a quantity of seed from latest.

UGAKI IS NOT POPULAR BUT MAY BE PREMIER

THE JAPANESE ARMY has a deeply rooted resentment against General Kazushige Ugaki, for once he slashed four divisions—some 20,000 men—from its man power.

But there are those who say that should Japan's positions in world affairs really become critical he is the man who would be called upon to lead the empire as premier.

Once, some years ago, when the first cabinet of Prince Konoye was in power, and General Ugaki was foreign minister, the American ambassador, Joseph C. Crew visited the foreign office with the demand that the United States properties within occupied Chinese territory be respected and protected.

General Ugaki promptly gave him a positive answer. It was a far different attitude that Ambassador Crew had encountered there previously.

In 1937 the aged general was unable to organise a cabinet because of army opposition. Just how highly he stands in the estimation of his fellow citizens is indicated by how he was accepted at the foreign office, where tradition has it that no other than a career diplomat is welcome as foreign minister.

Army Grudges

General Ugaki was not that in any way. Yet not only the Japanese people but also the staff of the foreign office were happy to see him take over the post. It was generally accepted when the first cabinet of the present premier, Prince Konoye, fell that Ugaki would organise a new cabinet. But the grudges of the army are not soon forgotten.

Beside being foreign minister he also had served as war minister, and he is the only high ranking army officer who ever has held so many important posts outside his own field. He has been governor-general of Korea, overseas minister, war councillor, and his name is endlessly mentioned in connection with the premiership.

Something of the character of the man is indicated in the way he changed his name which originally was Mokuju Ugaki—a typical name for the son of a farmer. But Ugaki harboured a great ambition, for he wanted to rise to the leadership of his people.

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So he took the name "Kazushige," which means, "kazu" or number one, and "shige" about to become. There have been many in the Far East who compare Ugaki with the famous German General von Hindenberg, because among other things he came under his influence while he was military attaché at the Japanese embassy in Berlin.

Even so he has an ardent admiration for England, and this too works against him in these troubled days.—Associated Press.

CARROTS BECOME FASHIONS

Lord Woolton should be grateful to fashion designers.

Almost as soon as he gives fresh advice on food consumption or preservation it is turned into propaganda; in the shape of some fashion accessory!

Recently he praised the food value of carrots—to-day women are being offered fashion buttonholes in the shape of a cluster of artificial carrots, potatoes and a couple of awes.

A string of runner beans to be attached to the lapel of a coat or across the front of a hat is another idea. A couple of onions, or potatoes, mixed with radishes serves the same purpose.

A stick of celery is the wartime substitute for a jewelled hat ornament, and a nice green young lettuce is the patriotic successor to a bunch of violets.

LONDON IS CENTRE OF FREEDOM

King Haakon of Norway attended a luncheon held at Frascati's Restaurant, Oxford Street, some time ago to celebrate the formation of the Norwegian P.E.N. Club in England.

An address was given by Dr. Wilhelm Keilhau, historian and writer on scientific subjects, who was president of the P.E.N. in Oslo until the German occupation, and on whose initiative London has become the temporary seat of the Norwegian Centre. Miss Storm Jameson, president of London P.E.N., presided.

Dr. Keilhau said that the first fatal fault of Hitler was that he did not make even an attempt to include in his so-called "new order" the traditions of the Great German poets and thinkers. The Norwegian people were fighting to maintain the traditions of the people and mental freedom. The future would give the strongest power ever seen—an ironclad cooperation between the democracies and a union of all free nations.

The union would assemble under one axis in London, and in this hemisphere London would be its natural capital. All negotiations for the peace to come would take place in London. In this age the great struggle was between ideologies and ideals, and ideals would win.

The Norwegian Government had resolved to establish in London after the war an Anglo-Norse Scientific Institute, to which all writers would be welcome. There would always be in London so many P.E.N. writers that the existence of their club would be secure for a long time, and it would play its part in the British-Norwegian cooperation.

It would please them particularly to practice this cooperation in this great city of hospitality and freedom, this town of chivalrous defence, this unconquerable fortress of democratic ideals and hopes for the future. They offered their best wishes for its glorious future.

CHICKEN SAVED FROM BOMB RUINS—LAID EGG

While clearing the debris of a bombed house in which an elderly couple were killed in an East Anglian town, a man noticed a slight movement in the rubble. A chicken's head popped out and greeted him with a triumphant cluck.

"When I got the chicken out," the man said, "it promptly laid an egg; perhaps as a mark of appreciation. It seemed no worse for its experience."

The chicken had lived under the ruins for three days.

A.R.P. SHELTERS—A.D. 350

Two huge cisterns, dating from the Byzantine period—about A.D. 350—recently discovered during excavations at Istanbul, are to be reconstructed as air-raid shelters, says an Ankara telegram quoted by Reuter. They can accommodate 300 people each.

PATS' 'OFFERING' WAS FIGHT FOR PRIEST

Taking the collection in a New York church, a sidesman was surprised to see Patrick Gunn drop a note instead of a shilling in the plate.

At the altar an astounded priest found the note a challenge to a fight.

To the police Pat said that the priest had failed to get him a promised job, and "as I had heard he was handy with his hands, I thought it a good way to settle the matter."

SPECIAL FOOD FOR ARMY JEWS

Plans are being made to organise for Jews in the Forces a service of parcels of food prepared according to Jewish law.

It was stated at the meeting held in London to start the scheme that many Jewish soldiers on their first day in camp would not eat meat.

Because little alternative food was available, their strength failed them after a time, and they had to eat the meat supplied.

Only a small minority could make the sacrifices entailed in observance of their dietary laws. Men whose relatives could afford to spend money had no great difficulties, because their families sent them parcels.

It was explained that it was proposed to send parcels only to men who could not get them from their homes, or who could not afford them.

The Chief Rabbi's Religious Emergency Council are sponsoring the scheme.

UNSINKABLE SOAP WOWS YOUNG SCOTS

"Unsinkable" soap, a novelty to young Scotch evacuees, is taking the curse off Saturday night, according to a letter of thanks received by the American Red Cross from West Lothian, and sent on by the ARC to the Philippine Red Cross.

"Although the average Scotch boy likes to wash as much as to drink poison, we bear you no ill will for the soap," stated a letter in childish scrawl. "The soap is a novelty—it floats! In Britain, soap always sinks. We all wonder what would happen if a Nazi U-boat torpedoed a ship carrying a load of your unsinkable soap!"

"The cocoa is lovely and we had some this morning. The rice is still untasted, but not for long. While I have the chance, I'd like to thank you for the fifty destroyers. We need them."

RAN TAP FOR TWO MONTHS

To prevent a leak flooding his scullery, Henry Samuel Nash left a tap running for two months in a house he owned at Barton Hill, Bristol, and wasted 178,000 gallons of water. He was fined £5 with £3 3s. costs at Bristol. He said the reason he left the tap running was that he could not find a plumber.



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BRIDGE NOTES

COMING THROUGH By The Four Aces

South made a "stab" bid because he didn't trust his partner to give him accurate responses; and it took all South's skill to come through with the Grand Slam:

South, Dealer		Both sides vulnerable	
NORTH		EAST	
♠ 6 5 3		♠ 8	
♥ 9 4		♥ 8	
♦ J 8 7		♦ K 10 6 5 4 2	
♣ Q 8 7 4 2		♣ K J 6 5 3	
WEST		EAST	
♠ J 9 4 2		♠ 8	
♥ 10 6 3 2		♥ 8	
♦ Q 9 3		♦ K 10 6 5 4 2	
♣ 10 9		♣ K J 6 5 3	
SOUTH		EAST	
♠ A K Q 10 7		♠ A K Q J 7 6	
♥ A		♥ A	
♦ A		♦ A	
♣ A		♣ A	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
7♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West led the ten of clubs, and South won with the Ace. Barring five trumps in one hand, only a bad spade break could defeat the hand. South's plan, therefore, was to provide as well as he could against a bad spade break—there was no help for it if trumps broke badly.

Accordingly, South laid down the Ace of hearts at the second trick and next took the Ace and King of spades. There was no risk in the spade leads if that suit happened to break 3-2, for both opponents would follow suit and then South would draw the rest of the trumps.

As it turned out, however, the spades did break badly; but the fortunate trump break saved South. East couldn't ruff the King of spades since his only trump had been drawn and South, recognising the situation, cashed the Queen of spades, ruffed a spade in dummy, and returned to his hand with the diamond Ace to draw the rest of the trumps. Then the last two spades could be cashed.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A 10 6 5
♥ 9 4
♦ K 8 4 2
♣ J 7 4

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Partner
1♥	Pass	(?)	Pass

ANSWER: Bid one spade. There cannot be a good reason for suppressing the four-card major suit.

Score 100% for one spade, 20% for one no-trump.

Question No. 746

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Partner
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	(?)	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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SHOT WHILE P.C. 'PHONED

A policeman approached Private Purvis in New Road, Cambridge, to question him and took him to a police call box. While the officer was telephoning a revolver shot was fired and Purvis is now in hospital in a serious condition.

U.S. ENVOY'S WIFE IN LONDON

Mrs. John G. Winant, wife of the United States Ambassador to Britain, who has just arrived, is making her London home in a furnished third-floor flat in Grosvenor-square, adjoining the American Embassy.

On the mantelpiece of the drawing-room there are two photographs, one of her 15-year-old son, Rivington Russell, and the other of her daughter, Mrs. Constance de Valendo.

Her elder son, John Gilbert, has promised to send his picture, to put with the others.

Mrs. Winant in a gentle, graceful, retiring woman, who likes country life and hopes to buy a country home here for leisure moments.

"But for the present," she said to a reporter, "this is our home, and I was anxious from the start to make this room look as if it were really lived in, and was personal to us."

24 Pairs Of Stockings

In her luggage Mrs. Winant brought two dozen pairs of silk stockings. "I hope you don't think that was too many, but I'm rather hard on stockings," she said.

"I am sure I can buy everything I want over here in London," she went on, "and if there is anything I can't get, well, I shall just have to do without, like the rest of you. Cosmetics seem about the hardest thing to buy, but that won't worry me much."

In the train bringing her to London Mr. Winant told his wife to throw herself flat if she heard the whine of a bomb.

"I practised a bit this morning," she said. "And I think we should all carry our gas masks."

Her First Siren

"I heard my first air-raid siren shortly after I landed yesterday and was preparing to continue my journey to London. Why, the people just went on as if nothing whatever was happening!"

"I suppose I shall get that way about it soon."

"I am most anxious to know if we are sending the right things to you from America in our 'Bundles for Britain,'" she added. "I shall send a direct report to the 30 or 40 organisations engaged in that kind of work."

Mrs. Winant wore a simple woollen frock of mulberry purple, set off by a long rope of pearls and a diamond and emerald clasp to match the one in her bobbed hair.

She has been in England twice before. Her children will remain in America, where her two sons are shortly to start learning to fly.

A widely read woman, she has unpacked some of the books she has brought with her, including a copy of Mr. Churchill's collected speeches.

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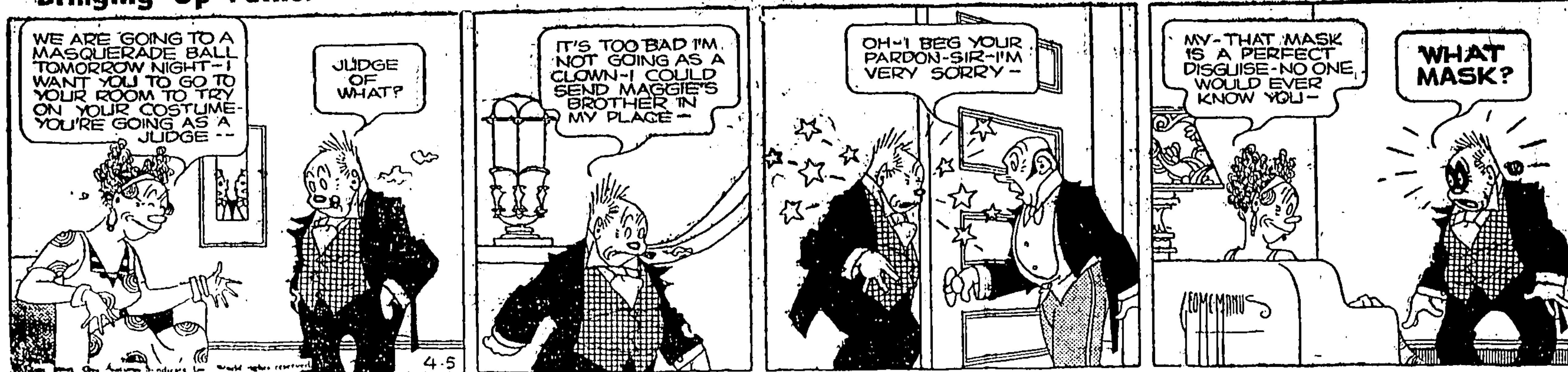
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

British Fashions And Fabrics

Probably no collection of fashion clothes has ever before been designed under such strange and strenuous conditions as the dresses which are included in the show of gowns from London to be shown in Buenos Aires and Rio, San Pao and Monte Video.

Its history goes back to last year, soon after France fell.

There were some who thought that the end of all high-class dressmaking had come. Even dress designers with international reputations and branch houses in London were dubious about the future of the dress industry in London.

They had always relied on France for the materials with which to express their best ideas. Was it possible, they wondered, to find British manufacturers able and willing to cooperate in producing the right kind of fashion fabrics.

The manufacturers said, in effect, "only tell us and we'll supply it."

Meantime His Majesty's Government had decided that the time had come to recognise the importance of the fashion trade as a national industry. With the backing of the Government a committee was set up to act as a liaison between the designers who had been asked to work on the collection, and the export groups through whom all materials were to be supplied.

It was the first time that the nine model houses, Norman Hartnell, the Queen's dressmaker, Capt. Edward Molyneux, whose models are known all over the world, Peter Russell, Worth, Paquin, Victor Stiebel, Digby Morton, Creed, who came to London when Paris fell, and La Chasse, had worked for one collection.

Then wartime difficulties came along to slow down progress.

No sooner had the first samples of materials been submitted to the designers than time bombs necessitated a hasty exit from headquarters. The samples had to be left to any fate that might overtake them for ten days.

High explosive bombs led to further delay. Samples rescued from debris in new quarters were taken to another home.

By this time the bombing of London was at its height.

Designers met, materials were chosen to the accompaniment of wailing sirens, the roar of bombers overhead, the noises of ex-

By Corisande

ploding bombs. And finally it was found that many of the fabrics chosen had been destroyed in the interval by enemy action.

Inevitably this involved further delays, the choosing of other fabrics. Interviews between dressmakers and manufacturers were held in strange places and at odd times.

The fashions and fabrics in this collection were born in beauty parlours, railway station waiting rooms, public-houses, cellars and restaurants, among other unlikely places. Shoes, gloves, handbags, belts, hats, were discussed under equally difficult conditions. The results you can judge for yourselves.

Tweeds and fine wools, rayons, the beauty of which we are only now learning fully to appreciate, satins, jerseys, linens and cottons are being shown.

In Great Britain we've always been rather proud of our tweeds and woollen materials; of our reputation as specialists in slick, clean-cut tailormade suits.

These new wartime materials are better, from a fashion standpoint anyhow, than any yet produced, and equal, the designers themselves admit, to any that came from France. They are the result of repeated experiments. New feather-weight tweeds are made from fine quality yarns in soft pastel shades, as well as in brighter colour mixtures. Some are as fine and light as wool crepes, and are, in fact intended for use as dress fabrics.

Women in the Shetland Islands have produced a tweed soft as cashmere. The men formerly employed in the industry are in trawlers, in mine sweepers, or engaged in other hazardous wartime service.

Next to tweeds come the flannels, in high favour this year—soft to the touch, cool to wear. Both are used for suits with slim fitting or pleated skirts, with coats that fit snugly round the hips, or hang loose and straight from the shoulder. There's plenty of variety and plenty of colour, if not in the material itself, then introduced in the form of a shirt or sweater in a contrasting colour. Green, yellow, and red are blended in one material used for a suit; again a violet wool is shown with an orchid-coloured

blouse, matching gloves, and buttonhole. This particular model is a good example of the care given to accessories. The buttons on the coat are in the form of watches, the belt a curb watch chain, with a watch replacing a buckle. Blue flannel is used for a blazer coat with a striped dress. A loose white flannel coat with squared shoulders, soft revers of beaver fur, and box lid pockets can be worn with anything you please.

Cotton comes high on the list of fashion fabrics. Experts have given special attention to the design, texture and colouring of cotton materials. You meet them as evening gowns, brightly printed, as smart tailored suits with wide revers of washing grosgrain, as snappy afternoon dresses, as garden frocks, or as a smartly sophisticated beach outfit.

It's interesting to hear that well-known artists, Vanessa Bell, Duncan Grant, and John Armstrong—close personal friend of Charles Laughton for whom he has designed many sets—with others equally gifted, may soon be cooperating to produce patterns and colours for cotton fashion materials.

The tailored cotton suits were among the models which Her Majesty the Queen specially admired when she inspected some of the models in this collection at Buckingham Palace before they left for South America.

Daytime dresses, with one or two exceptions, follow trim straight lines.

Evening gowns show wider differences in style.

There's a Spanish flavour about an evening dress of white spotted muslin with two black lace flounces on its wide spreading skirt, and its black lace cape, the hood of which is caught with a flower above the forehead.

Lace is used for slim, clinging gowns with ground length skirts. Frequently it is the background for embroidery in jewel-coloured crystals at the neck, on long sleeves, sometimes on the bodice and skirt.

Simple elegance is illustrated in every line of a bright red rayon dress. The coat is loose and knee length. It is worn with a gold turban and a specially designed gold necklet.

Net sprinkled with sequins, rich duchess satin, rayon patterned in pastel shades, velveteen—our most successful cotton material—used in black for a jewel-embroidered evening cloak, with gloves similarly decorated, are other fabrics the designers have used for evening dress purposes.

On the whole, I think South Americans will agree with me that the collection is a representative one. British designers, probably more than any others in the world, are forced to design clothes for people of a wide variety of interests and viewpoints. Their skill in doing this is well demonstrated in the models they have created for this collection.

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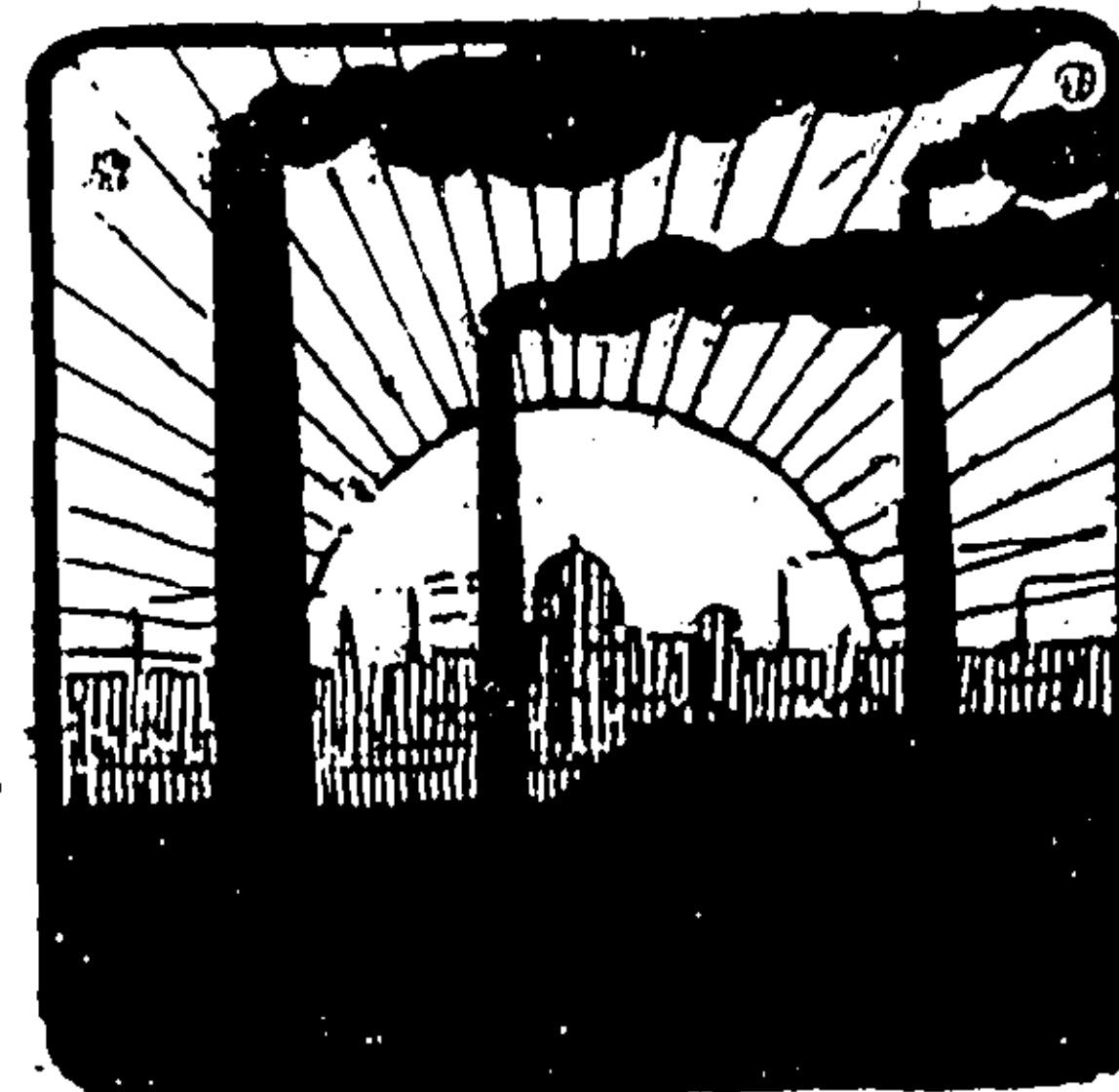
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Excerpts from: Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance". "Overture". Light Opera Orchestra. What Shall I Do?... Derek Oldham. Climbing Over Rocky Mountain... Nellie Brierecliffe, Nellie Walker & Chorus of Girls. Stop, Ladies, Pray... Nellie Brierecliffe & Nellie Walker. Derek Oldham & Chorus of Girls. Oh! Is There Not One Maiden Breast... Derek Oldham, Elsie Griffin & Chorus of Girls. Now For The Pirates' Lair: When You Had Left Our Pirate Fold... Derek Oldham, Peter Dawson & Dorothy Gill. Away, Away! My Heart's On Fire... Dorothy Gill, Derek Oldham & Peter Dawson. All Is Prepared: Stay, Fredric, Stay... Elsie Griffin & Derek Oldham. Now What Is This, and What Is That?... George Baker, Derek Oldham, Elsie Griffin & Full Chorus.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano. Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. R. 23—Intro: A Star Fell Out of Heaven; Serenade in the Night; A Fine Romance; No Regrets; When the Poppies Bloom Again; This'll Make you Whistle. Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. D. 30—Intro: Don't worry 'bout me; Our love; And the angels sing; Especially for you; Angels never leave Heaven; Goodnight, my darling, goodnight.

1.15 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections. Hawaiian Paradise (Owens); Sweet Hawaiian Maid (Johnson)... Andy Iona & his Islanders with Vocal Chorus. Oua, Oua; Tomi, Tomi... Kanui & Lula (Hawaiian Novelty). Sundown in Old Walkiki (Carlton & Ritz)... George Elliot's Hawaiian Novelty Quartet with Vocal Chorus.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Elsie and Doris Waters in Variety. Comediennes—Gert, Daisy, A Piano—And How... Elsie & Doris Waters. Cinema Organ—Dance Time—The Fox-Trot: Grandma said, I miss you in the morning; The Waltz: I shall remember you smiling; Where the Shannon flows down to the sea... Reginald Dixon. Vocal Duets—The Ferry Boat Serenade (Adamson—Di Lazzaro); Only For Ever (film "Rhythm on the River")... Al Bowly and Jimmy Mesene with Two Guitars. Instru.—Sweet Sue, Just You (Harris & Young); Poor Butterfly (Golden & Hubbell)... The Dixie Devils with Vocal Chorus. Comediennes—The Tale of a Hat... Elsie & Doris Waters with Piano.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—The Symphony Orchestra and Nancy Evans (Soprano). "Ruy Blas"—Overture (Mendelssohn)... Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent. The Sunshine of Your Smile (Cooke-Ray)... Nancy Evans (Sop.) with Orchestra. Schubert Waltzes (Schubert)... Symphony Orchestra. Mountain Lovers (Weatherley—Squire)... Nancy Evans (Sop.) with Orch. "The Planets"—No. 4: Jupiter (The Bringer of Jollity) (Holst)... Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates.

7.20 p.m.—Grleg—Sonata in C Minor, Op. 45. 1st Mov: Allegro molto ed appassionato; 2nd Mov: Allegretto espressivo alla Romanza; 3rd Mov: Allegro animato... Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and Fritz Kreisler (Violin).

7.45 p.m.—Grleg Songs. Solveig's Song from "Peer Gynt"... Mavis Bennett (Soprano) with Piano accomp. Un Reve... Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with Orch. Et Hâb, Op. 26, No. 1... Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano) with Piano. I Love Thee... Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

8.30 p.m.—A Military Band Concert. Orpheus In The Underworld—Overture (Offenbach, arr. Pearce)... The Black Dyke Mills Band. The Whistler and His Dog (Pryor)... Silver Stars Band. Americana (Thurban)... The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards. Three Dale Dances (Wood)... Callenders' Senior Band. Rakoczy March (from "Damnation of Faust")... (Berlioz—arr. Godfrey)... The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

9.02 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ. Hits from the Shows—Intro: Crash! Bang! I want to go Home; Comes Love; Let's make Memories to-night; Have you met Miss Jones; F. D. R. Jones; Good-bye Sally. Leslie Stuart Selection—Intro: Soldiers of the King; Tell me pretty maiden; In the shade of the Palm; Little Dolly Daydream; Sweetheart May; Lily of Laguna.

9.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

9.30 p.m.—A Light Orchestra Programme with Vocal Duets by Anne Ziegler and Webster Booth. Moya, Lovely Moya (O'Brien & Peter): Come to the Ball (from "The Quaker Girl"—Monckton)... Orchestra Louise (Vocalist: Gerald Fitzgerald), Only A Rose (from "The Vagabond King"—Friml): You, Just You (from "Wild Violets")... Anne Ziegler and Webster Booth (Vocal) with Orch. The Whirl of the Waltz—Intro:

GRAZIANI'S CAREER ENDED BY BERLIN

GRAZIANI'S DISMISSAL was ordered by Berlin, not Rome. Real Axis C-in-C. in Libya now is Nazi General Karl von Rommee, former commander of Western Front Panzer divisions. He has been ordered at all costs, to prevent Wavell's armies contacting French Tunisia.

Complete Nazi control of Italian war economy is also reflected by top job appointments of German "experts" in all Tripolitania administrative departments. These men are ex-officials of old German colonies.

Behind the rise in Nazi factories accident rate by 60 per cent. is revelation of under-nourishment. Of 2,000,000 accidents last year—10,000 fatal—more than half were the result of vertigo or fainting. German labour chiefs fear workers are being extended almost beyond human endurance limits.

To combat waves of sabotage in occupied countries Nazi psychologists have devised "heart and culture lectures to win co-operation. Experiment begun in Denmark has failed.

Hungary's "equal partnership" hubbub has lately been cynically burst by Goering. He now demands double agreed quota of all produce and 80 per cent. of transport, including horses, mules, and private vehicles; transfer of at least 1,000,000 labourers to Germany, and the diversion of most of Hungary's trade with Italy to the Reich.

Where Hungarian factories employ skilled labour, these have been ordered to manufacture only to German specifications—mainly to replenish Reich losses after R.A.F. attacks.

Wary Of Fascists

Wrangling in high Fascist circles. Fall out due to scramble for "perks" of sacked bosses who had been sent to the Front and have either been killed or captured.

Cousin Pietro Antonini, Edda Ciano's doctor, has ordered her a recuperative voyage to Brazil in the near future. Ciano is expected to follow her to their estates near Rio de Janeiro. Several other Fascist estates in South America are also being made ready for occupation.

Argentina and Brazil are watching the possibilities of the influx of raving Fascists whose fortunes have already preceded them. These countries don't like what they see.

Japan is down £1,000,000,000 to date on the China war. Debit is calculated after balancing conquest gains with cost of winning and maintaining them. Reaction of loss is felt right back in Japanese small towns, where even electricity is strictly rationed.

Pointer to future Japan public support of "New Order" Nazi alliance which Germany is now boosting is reflected by Tokyo newspaper poll exposure that more than 85 per cent. of the population do not know what it is.

Further west China has won two major military successes in the last few weeks which have thrown Japan back considerably in time, money and casualties.

Destiny Waltz; Naughty Waltz; Valse Vanite; Missouri Waltz... New Mayfair Orchestra. A Medley of Songs and Duets, by Anne Ziegler & Webster Booth—Intro: Until; Love's Old Sweet Song; I hear you calling Me; Two Little Words; Deep in my Heart, Dear; I'll walk beside You; I give my Heart; I'll see you again... with Orchestra. Poem (Fibich)... Tom Jones & his Orchestra.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Safe In My Heart; When You Come to the End of a Journey...

The Organ, The Dance Band & Me. Slow Fox-Trot—Careless; Fox-Trot—Seventeen Candles... Ambrose & his Orchestra. Swing Fox-Trots—Blue Strings; Keep Goin'!

Bert Firman's Quintuplets of Swing. Waltz—Little Anne... Jungherr's Accordeon Melodians. Quickstep—Are You Havin' Any Fun? (from "The little dog laughed")... Slow Fox-Trot—Where, or When (from "Babes in Arms")... Ambrose & his Orchestra. Tangos—Pura Milonga; Mal De Ausencia... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro. Quickstep—Swingin' In the Corn (film "Radio City Revels")... Nat Gonella & his Georgians. Fox-Trot—You've Done Something to My Heart; Slow Fox-Trot—The "Dittie Up")... Jack Hylton & his Orch.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things".

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

Largely responsible were new U.S.A. planes flown by Chinese pilots trained in America. Their efficiency has caused alarm in Japan air circles.

New joint Central American plans to counter Nazi infiltration "south of the border" will shock Goebbels when they are applied in the near future. Mexican Government has taken the lead.

A LEADER OF STOUT HEARTS

"The nation has the leader it deserves," declared Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister without Portfolio, in a high tribute to Mr. Churchill.

"The Prime Minister," he said, "is the living embodiment of the grit, courage, endurance, energy and bulldog tenacity of the British people."

Mr. Churchill is a leader after their own stout hearts. He has unfailing resources of moral stamina, clear vision, courage to face stark realities, strategic foresight and unruffled confidence which are required of the guide and champion of a democratic people stubbornly bent on repelling the gravest menace they have ever been called upon to face.

Members of the Incorporated Association of Architects and Surveyors who were assembled at lunch at Claridge's Hotel applauded this striking tribute from Mr. Greenwood, who went on to emphasise the War Cabinet's unity of purpose.

There was, at any rate, one vice from which it was free, he said, and that was cold feet. It was not going to be satisfied with anything short of complete victory over Hitler and the total destruction of Hitlerism.

R.A.F. HAS 400 M.P.H. 'PLANE

Much attention has been attracted by the disclosure in "The Battle of Britain" of the speed superiority possessed by certain German fighting aeroplanes over the British last autumn.

It is stated in this Air Ministry pamphlet that the Heinkel 113 single-seat fighter was 14 miles an hour faster than the Mark I Spitfire.

The question is now asked whether the Germans still have a speed superiority in any of their standard types of fighting aircraft.

The answer almost certainly is No. The Mark III Spitfire is faster and more powerful than the original Spitfire, and the newer Tornado, which has the Rolls-Royce Vulture engine, is capable of about 400 miles an hour.

There is nothing to indicate that the new German aircraft are capable in standard conditions of exceeding this figure, and it is fairly safe to assume that the Royal Air Force will be slightly better off in speed than the German air force this year. This applies not only to fighters, but also to heavy bombers.

SECRET VISITS TO WAR CAMPS

Red Cross Tour Of Britain

Two delegates of the International Red Cross Committee are on their way back to Geneva after a fortnight's tour of British war prison camps and civilian internment centres. They will make an official report.

They are Dr. Marcel Junod, the committee's chief delegate, and Mlle. Lucie Odier. Dr. Junod has also seen every camp in Germany and Occupied France for British prisoners of war and interned civilians.

Their visit to Britain was kept secret. Both delegates travelled with a strong "guard" and no one was allowed to know which centres they visited.

Dr. Junod and Mlle. Odier kept in close touch with all departments of the British Red Cross and St. John War Organisation, and the Foreign Office. In particular, they discussed the problem of getting food to British prisoners of war.

An official of the British Red Cross said: "Dr. Junod and Mlle. Odier have been able to clear up a number of matters concerning British prisoners of war and interned civilians in enemy hands. Their visit has proved exceedingly valuable."

THE YANKEE SOLD TO AID BRITAIN

Two of the world's most famous sailing boats have been sacrificed by Mr. Gerard Lambert, Rear-Commodore of the New York Yacht Club, to help Britain and the United States.

His yacht Yankee, three times a candidate for the defence of the America's Cup, has been sold for £2,500, the value of her bronze plating and lead ballast, which will be used by the defence industries.

The money will be sent to Lord Queenborough, Commodore of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, as a contribution towards the cost of a Spitfire.

Mr. Lambert has given his three-masted schooner Atlantic to the United States Coastguard Academy at New London as a training ship.

LAWSUIT AFTER FRENCH FLIGHT

What counsel described as a "tragic and adventurous story" of a woman's escape from France when that country collapsed, was told to Mr. Justice Cassels in the King's Bench Division.

The claim she made arose out of the loss of her car and personal possessions.

She is Mrs. Kate Powell, Wigton Hall, Wigton, Cumberland, and she sued Mr. Walter Joseph

Reid, a young married man, described as of the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, for £575 7s. 6d. under an agreement made between them on June 19.

Mr. Reid denied the agreement as pleaded, alleging that certain deletions were made. He contended that, to secure Mrs. Powell against loss of her car, he agreed to hand over to her his M.G. car, which was in England.

He maintained that the only other claim she had was to £15, the agreed value of the goods she abandoned. He denied that she had to abandon the car for her personal safety.

Son's Rescue Attempt

Mr. and Mrs. Powell, it was stated, were in France when war broke out. Last May they were persuaded by their son, who had gone to France to rescue them, to make their way home.

They stayed one night at St. Maxime, and Mr. Powell died in his sleep. Mrs. Powell decided to continue alone, but as the situation was changing rapidly and the Germans were driving towards the coast, decided to go to Lisbon.

At Nimes she met Mr. Reid and his wife with bicycles, standing by her car.

Mr. Reid said he would give anything to get away as he was of military age, and he apprehended that if the Germans got hold of him they would shoot him. He persuaded Mrs. Powell to help them.

According to Mrs. Powell, defendant agreed that, in consideration of Mrs. Powell taking him and his wife to catch the boat at Bordeaux, if one was provided for British refugees, he would be responsible for the loss of her car and any clothes and possessions.

Mrs. Powell agreed to jettison some of her baggage, and to take £15 as compensation for the things left behind. An agreement to this effect was signed by Mr. Reid.

They arrived at Bordeaux on June 20, and were sent by the British consulate officials to Bayonne. Mr. and Mrs. Reid went on to Biarritz, and they agreed to meet again in Bayonne. The next day they went to St. Jean de Luz to get permits for Spain, but they were just an hour too late.

Returning to Bayonne they left in the steamship Queen Wilhelmina, and Mrs. Powell was left alone. She arranged to garage her car, and it was quite impossible to take her luggage on board the boat in which she was to travel. She had to discard everything.

The hearing was adjourned.

BRIGHTON ASKS ARP INQUIRY

Sir Cooper Rawson, M.P. for Brighton, is considering raising in Parliament the question of the suspension at night of rescue work at the scene of a recent bombing. A petition will probably be sent to Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Home Security, by local residents calling for a full inquiry into the position.

Sir Cooper said: "I have written to Mr. Morrison, giving him all the evidence I could gather, and have asked him to get something moving quickly. I have also been in touch with the Regional Commissioner's office."

"Statement Opposed"

"Many people are opposed to the statement by Brighton Emergency Committee, who found the rescue work had been carried out in a proper and satisfactory manner."

"The trouble seems to have been that there was nobody in proper authority. There were volunteers there willing to work on through the night, but they were not allowed to do so."

SHELTERS UNDER TARGETS

Lord Horder, the King's physician, who spoke at a luncheon at the Overseas Club in London, expressed his concern afterwards at the number of children still left in congested areas in London.

"I visited four East End shelters last night just before the raid began," he said, "and in three of them there were more children than adults."

"I think the question will arise for the Minister of Health whether he may not have to do something more than continue on the voluntary basis of evacuation in certain vulnerable areas."

"The under-fives ought to go away, even if the mothers have to go with them. Some of them, in railway arch shelters, are actually sheltering under military objectives."

Lord Horder said that the Tube shelter population was still about 60,000.

"TALLY-HO" HERO IN THE H.G.

Two V.C.s of the last war are among the 301 new officers of the Home Guard, announced by the War Office. They are:

Brig.-Gen. J. V. Campbell, the "Tally-Ho V.C.," who gained the award in 1916 for rallying the Coldstream Guards by sounding the hunting horn he had used as master of the Tanat-side Hunt;

Capt. R. L. Haine, who was awarded the distinction in 1917 for leading six bombing attacks against the enemy and recapturing a strong point.

The list also includes: Adml. Sir H. J. Studholme-Brownrigg, Commander-in-Chief at the Nore in 1939; Adml. Sir Hugh Tweedie, ret.; Sir Charles H. Bressey, engineer in charge of the high-ways development survey of Greater London, who produced, with Sir Edwin Lutyens, the plan for the reconstruction of London's roadways; the Marquess of Anglesey, Viscount de Vesel, Lord Howard de Walden and Lord Roundway.

No fewer than 267 of the new officers have military or naval titles.

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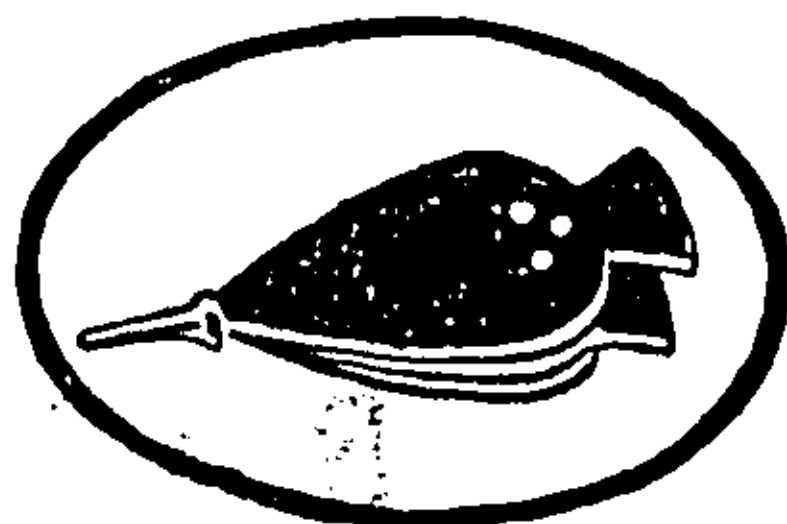
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CHINESE 'Y' TO STAGE COLONY BASKETBALL LEAGUE NEXT MONTH

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A NEW BASKETBALL LEAGUE, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF CHINESE Y.M.C.A. AND SCHEDULED TO START IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH, HAS SO FAR ATTRACTED AT LEAST ONE NON-CHINESE TEAM, VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB, AND IT IS EXPECTED U.S.S. MINDANAO WILL ALSO ENTER A TEAM.

The competition will be known as "The All-Colony Basketball League" and will be played on the open court of Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. on which the present Inter-School Basketball League is staged.

RECREIO TOO GOOD FOR "Y"

Club de Recreio were hosts to European Y.M.C.A. yesterday evening in a friendly return encounter of billiards and croquet and won by five games to one.

The closest match was between Soares and C. T. Eager in billiards. Soares made a break of 53, which was the second highest break of the evening.

A. J. Osmund scored 66, the highest break, in his billiards match against C. Terran, who had a break of 45.

L. Sykes had the distinction of scoring the highest break at snooker—19.

Snooker—J. C. Remedios 58 H. Jackson 63; J. E. Noronha 55 E. H. de Costa 44; A. P. Pereira 142 L. Sykes 56.

Billiards—E. M. Soares 150 C. T. Eager 147; R. F. Luz 150 W. H. Ingleby 62; A. J. Osmund 208 C. Terran 70.

BILLIARDS TOURNEY PLANNED

Mr. I. T. Yung, proprietor of the Central and Public billiards saloons, China Building, intends to run a tournament in the early autumn and feels confident there will be sufficient entries to ensure its success.

There are five tables at the Central and six at the Public saloons respectively, and, according to the management, it is not uncommon to see breaks of 100 at these establishments.

Mr. Yung has been in this particular line of business for over 10 years and he is amazed at the rapid strides made by the Chinese at billiards.

Rain washed out the baseball game yesterday between the Hong Kong Baseball Club and U.S.S. Mindanao and all "C" Division League Tennis matches.

Two world athletic records were broken yesterday in Los Angeles. Lea Steers cleared 6 ft. 11 in. in the high jump and a female team from the University of California covered the mile in 25.25.—Reuter.

CONN STEADY AS ROCK

New York, June 18.

Billy Conn, who is expected to give Joe Louis his hardest fight since the latter won the world heavyweight boxing title when they meet to-night, weighed in today at 12 stone 6 lb., which was much below expectations, while Joe Louis weighed in at 14 stone 3 lb., 2 ounces.

Doctor William Walker stated that both men were in excellent condition, adding that Conn showed least sign of nerves in his blood pressure and pulse than any fighter he has ever examined.

The weather forecast is "clear, with moderate temperature."—Reuter.

This is 'Louis' 18th defence of the title he won from James Braddock.

Not since the Dempsey-Carpenter fight for the world title on July 2, 1921, when Dempsey won by a knockout in the 4th round, has so much interest been taken locally in a world title bout, many men from the American warships in port laying odds on a Conn victory.

OWEN TUDOR WINS WAR DERBY

England's second wartime Derby, run yesterday at Newmarket instead of traditional Epsom Downs, resulted in an outsider winning. Result was:

Mrs. Macdonald Buchanan's Owen Tudor (Nevett) . . . 1
Maharani Sahib of Kholopar's Morogoro (Harry Wragg) . . . 2
Firoze Din (Stephenson) . . . 3
Betting: 25-1, Owen Tudor, 11-2 Morogoro 100-1, Firoze Din.
Won by a length and a half; two lengths.
Time: 2.35.

OAKS STARTERS

Probable starters and jockeys for the New Oaks, to be run tomorrow, are:—Friele (Lowrey), Hildhampton (Richardson), Faience (Arthur Wragg), Precocity (Beary), Commotion (Harry Wragg), Dancing Time (Perryman), Sunny Dear (Cliff Richards), Saratoga (Bridgland), Xeaute (Taylor), Turkapa (Evans), Mercy (Ephraim Smith), Chelan (Beasley). Roman Empress has no jockey yet.—Reuter.

Three teams have so far entered this League. They are Victoria Recreation Club, the Indian Contingent of Police Force and Sing Tao Sports Club, holders of last year's All-Chinese Colony Basketball League title. The last tournament was also organised by Chinese Y.M.C.A. and decided in their gymnasium in Hong Kong.

Apart from those already entered, it is understood that South China A.A., Eastern, Chinese Y.M.C.A., Pul Ying College, Canton University and Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union also contemplate joining.

Entries close on Monday, June 30, and should be sent to Chinese Y.M.C.A.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB'S CHARITY CUP

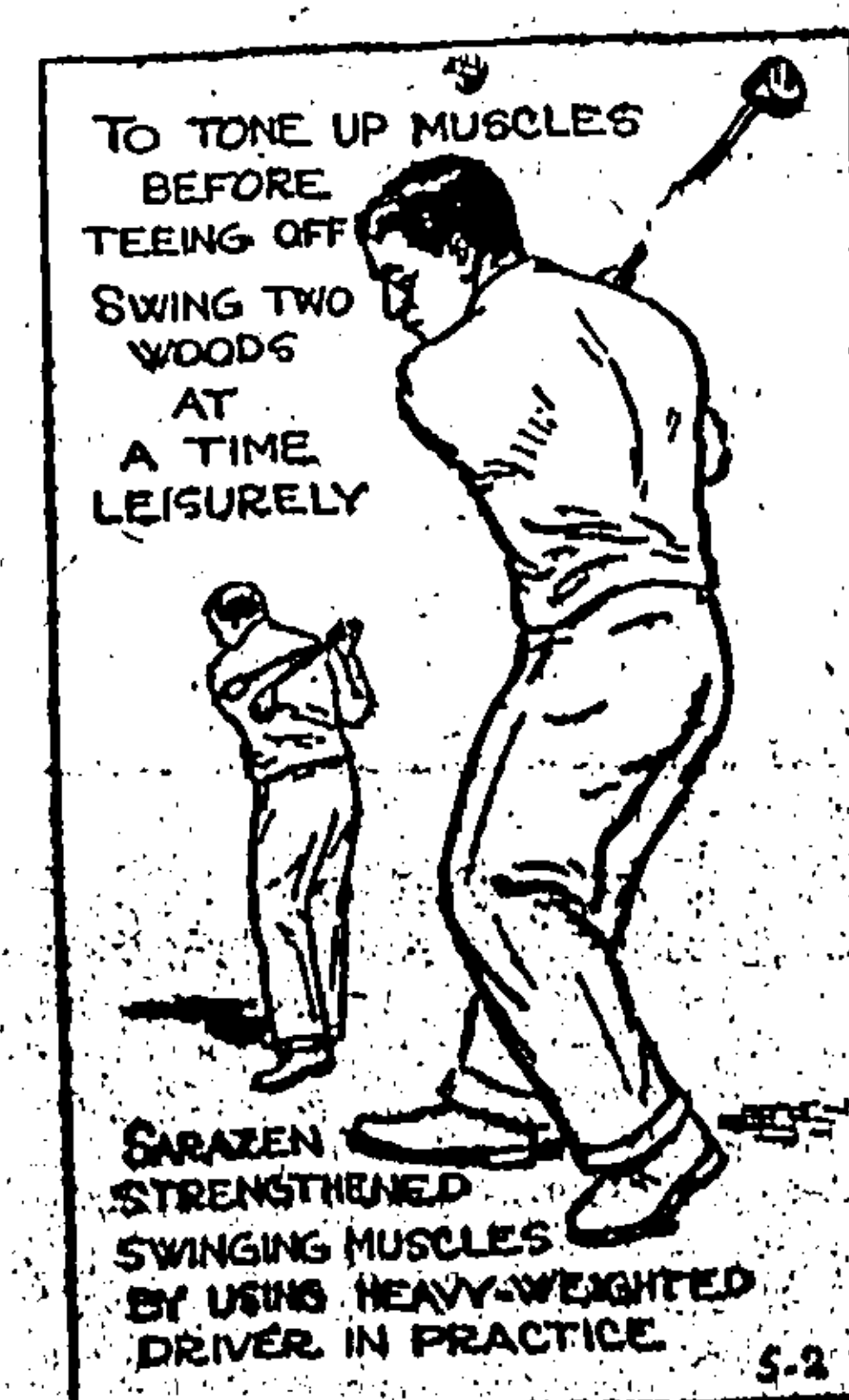
Kowloon Golf Club have just started a Summer "Charity Cup" competition, match play on bogey, which will be held during the months of July/September. Members desiring to participate may take out as many cards as they like, at \$1 per card, the lowest score at the end of the tournament winning the prize.

Proceeds from the competition will be devoted to the different charities at the discretion of the Committee.

EASIER GOLF

WARMING UP & COOLING DOWN By Best Ball

Like the ballplayer warming up before taking his turn at bat, the golfer can also gradually attune his muscles for play. The pros make it a point to find time in which to drive a few off the practice tee but the average golfer, as a rule, has no such opportunity or time to get ready. The player can, however, swing a couple of clubs as shown above in a leisurely and smooth fashion back and forth to loosen up his muscles. The routine, primarily designed to eradicate the kinks, also comes in handy in adjusting one to calmer thought and action. Rushing to the golf course, the golfer is so often saturated with the sense of hurry and jerky action that his play reflects it. For the sake of better playing and enjoyment, a more tranquil temperament must prevail and a pretty fair cure lies in swinging the two clubs in slow motion tempo. Another purpose is served in that the golfer feels the lightness of one club later in actual play and it can be swung with a more acute



sense of feeling and velocity. Continued practice will strengthen the muscles of the arms and shoulder and the grip. Gene Sarazen similarly employed an overweight driver for practice sessions for greater swing development. Next Article.—Turf Left Shoulder Around.

MANILA ASKED FOR DETAILS

By "Referee"

INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE INTERPORT SWIMMING CONTEST BETWEEN MANILA AND HONG KONG MAY YET MATERIALISE, PRESENT UNFAVOURABLE CONDITIONS NOTWITHSTANDING.

It will be recalled that late last season, Manila, after accepting an invitation from Victoria Recreation Club to send a team to Hong Kong, had to abandon the idea at the last moment as permission could not be obtained from the authorities in that port for the swimmers to make the trip. A counter-suggestion was then made by Manila that Hong Kong should send a team to Manila instead, but this was also shelved at the time, as it was then too late in the season for any arrangements to be made.

Early this season V.R.C. again sent an invitation to Manila, but again the difficulty of securing permission for the team to leave cropped up. Equally keen that this contest should materialise, Manila again asked V.R.C. to send a team to that port.

ORIGINALLY IT WAS FEARED THAT DIFFICULTIES OF OBTAINING PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE COLONY, OWING TO VOLUNTEER AND OTHER DUTIES, ETC., WOULD FORCE V.R.C. OFFICIALS TO DROP THE MATTER AGAIN, BUT IT HAS SINCE BEEN ASCERTAINED THAT THE CHANCE OF SECURING THE NECESSARY PERMISSION IS BRIGHTER THAN WAS FIRST THOUGHT POSSIBLE.

Details Required

V.R.C. have again written Manila asking for further details regarding the arrangements for the visit, and in this connection they are fortunate in that Mr. L. R. Ildesonso, well-known local sports organiser, has been appointed official representative of V.R.C. On his return to the Philippines in the near future he will be able to discuss details with the Manila officials, and it is confidently felt that Mr. Ildesonso's knowledge of local conditions will prove of great value in concluding negotiations for the tour.

It was originally suggested that Hong Kong should send 10 or 12 men swimmers and some 6 to 8 lady competitors. This, however, together with details regarding the programme, have not yet been decided on, and will be left in abeyance until negotiations reach a later stage.

TO-DAY'S WATER POLO GAMES

Following are to-day's water-polo fixtures:—
Navy "A" v Navy "B"
(Navy Pool) 6 p.m.
European Y.M.C.A. v Navy "C"
(Navy Pool) 6.30 p.m.
Middlesex "A" v Royal Scots "A"
(Army Pool) 7.15 p.m.
Combined Small Units v 36th Bty., R.A.
(Army Pool) 7.45 p.m.
Signals v 5th A.A. Regt., R.A.
("Y" Pool) 7.15 p.m.
Royal Scots "B" v 663th Bty., R.A.
(("Y" Pool) 7.45 p.m.

TOURNAMENT STANDINGS TO DATE

	P	W	L	D	P.A.	Pts.
Signals	7	7	0	0	34	14
5th R.A.	6	5	0	1	21	11
Middlesex "A"	6	5	1	0	29	10
Royal Navy "A"	7	5	2	0	25	10
Royal Scots "A"	6	5	1	0	21	10
European "Y"	5	3	2	0	14	6
C.S. Units	6	2	3	1	12	6
Royal Navy "B"	6	2	3	1	12	5
Royal Navy "C"	6	1	5	1	11	3
5th A.A. Regt.	6	0	4	2	13	2
Middlesex "B"	5	1	4	0	11	2
Royal Scots "B"	4	0	4	0	10	0
36th R.A.	4	0	4	0	2	0
663th R.A.	5	0	5	0	6	0

BREAKING-IN NEW BATCH OF AUSTRALIANS

The "breaking-in" of the 28 subscription griffins and 20 griffins which arrived from Australia last month was commenced at the Race Course last Tuesday morning.

It is further understood that the balance of the shipment, comprising 24 griffins and 48 "subs," will arrive in the near future, in two lots. These ponies will not be racing until next February at the earliest.

The present bunch appear to be in excellent shape after a very comfortable trip.

PAST AND PRESENT: 17 MINUTES

According to a Chinese report, a 53-year-old man recently took part in a 10,000 metres long distance race at the second annual athletic meeting held in Chengtu, completing the course in 56 minutes.

In this connection it may be recalled that Li Yuk-fung, 20-year-old student at Nam Sheung College and winner of last year's Marathon race organised by Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union, covered the Boys' "A" Grade 10,000 metres in 39 minutes to win this event at the recent All-Schools Sports Meeting in the Colony, under the auspices of South China Athletic Association.

SCHOOLS' BICYCLE RACING

A bicycle-racing contest, sponsored by Chinese Y.M.C.A., will be held on Wednesday, July 2, at Caroline Hill before the schools break up for their mid-Summer holidays. The meet will be confined to students of the Colony's schools and the contestants will be required to undergo a medical examination before their entries are accepted.

K.B.G.C. INTER-CHANGE LEADS FOR SATURDAY'S LEAGUE BOWLS MATCH

OWING TO THE INACTIVITY OF A NUMBER OF CLUBS LAST SATURDAY, DUE TO THE INCLEMENT WEATHER, THERE ARE FEW CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE VARIOUS FIRST DIVISION TEAMS FOR THE COMING SATURDAY'S GAMES.

Both Recreio "A" and I.R.C., who met last week, have made no changes in their sides, while Craigen-gower are making only one change, promoting L. Gaddi in place of W. K. Way, who will again skip a Second Division rink.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club the 100 per cent. E. S. Abraham's "A" have inter-changed the leads rink in the latter's absence, while of two rinks. Sykes will play W. R. Lambert comes into the No. 1 in A. J. Hall's rink in place side in place of P. Morrison. of R. P. Phillips, who takes A. Nissim will be skipping P. Sykes' place in J. McKelvie's S. Cassidy's rink of last week. rink.

Several changes have been made in the K.B.G.C. "B" rinks. H. Bicknell will be lead in J. Meyer's rink in place of Morton, who replaces G. W. Deacon as No. 2 in Guy's rink. Sheriff is an absentee from this rink and E. A. Atkins will be skipping instead.

In Recreio's Second Division team A. V. Barros goes No. 2 in place of E. L. Barros, who will be seen in the same position, in place of F. J. Marques, in J. R. Soares' rink. A. F. Noronha has been promoted from the third team to O. P. Remedios' rink, and C. C. Pereira's four is unchanged.

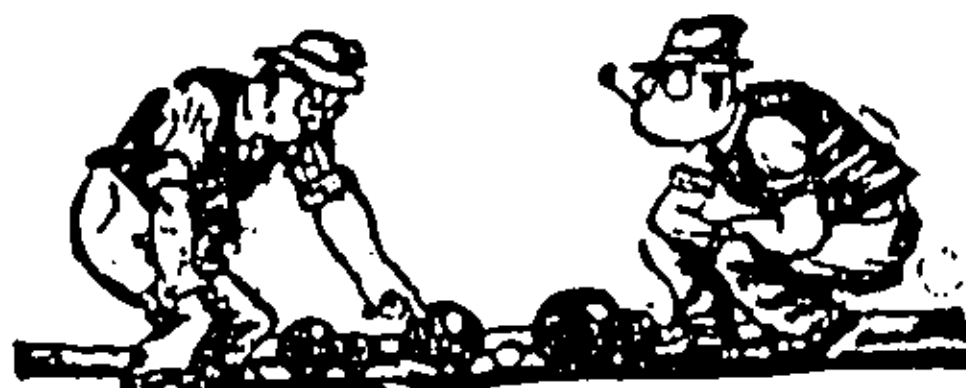
One H.K.C.C. Change

R. A. Edwards will be seen in place of E. Hospes in A. W. Brown's rink, otherwise the Hong Kong Cricket Club team is unchanged.

The only change in Craigen-gower's second team is that E. Todd takes the place of M. Roza, who returns to the third team.

Police, strong aspirants for Third Division honours, are bringing in E. Greenwood vice H. Dewar in A. E. Carey's rink, and this is their only change, while Craigen-gower will have A. E. S. Alves in place of R. K. Pavri in A. J. Coelho's rink.

Hong Kong Cricket Club have been forced to make a number of changes. B. J. Lacon will be playing in place of A. MacKellar. P. S. Cassidy will be skipping



BOWLS TEAMS

Following are some of the teams for Saturday's Lawn Bowls League games:—

H.K.F.C.

Friendly (v. Recreio, Home)
E. Casey, C. Carr, A. W. Hircock and T. H. Pearce (Skip).
A. Bailey, C. G. Sollis, J. Hempsey and J. D. Thomson (Skip).
Third Division (v. C.C.C., Home)
A. C. Grattan, J. Russell, G. Stephens and B. A. Mansell (Skip).
K. Forrow, J. M. Thomson, C. B. Robertson and G. Graver (Skip).
E. Strange, E. Anslow, J. Ralston and S. Strange (Skip).

C.C.C.

First Division (v. I.R.C., Away)
J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury (Skip).
A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, R. Basa and U. M. Omar (Skip).
Y. A. Razack, L. Gaddi, J. S. Landolt and C. S. Rossetti (Skip).
Second Division (v. H.K.C.C., Home)
A. A. Razack, S. R. Sollis, E. Zimmermann and T. Lock (Skip).
J. H. Xavier, M. A. Baptista, L. E. Lammert and M. J. Medina (Skip).
E. J. Todd, A. Kitchell, W. Ward and W. K. Way (Skip).
Third Division (v. H.K.F.C., Away)
L. M. Roza, A. E. S. Alves, E. S. Franks and A. J. Coelho (Skip).
F. X. Delgado, W. J. Curd, Dr. C. W. Lam and Dr. N. P. Karanjia (Skip).
W. E. Broadbridge, F. K. Modi, G. S. Ladd and D. A. Rozario (Skip).

Manager Pepper Martin of Sacramento of the Pacific Coast League benched himself after hitting into three double plays in one game. One of them came with the bases full and the Sac's needing a run to tie Los Angeles.

Challenge Match On Roller Skates

With Cheng Kwan-min as trainer-captain-secretary, a team representing Empress Skating Rink, Nathan Road, is now hard at practice for a challenge hockey match on roller-skates against a team from Ciro Skating Rink, Caroline Hill, which is scheduled to take place early next month.

A nominal charge for admission will be made and proceeds will be donated to a number of free schools for Chinese orphans. Other members of the Empress

team are Chui Cheung-leung, Wong Sik-ko, Yau Tang-wu, Mak Wai-ming, Lo Chi-keung, Wong, Cheung-kin and Chan Ki-tim.

The "ball" used is very similar to the puck used in ice-hockey, but though this new game to the Colony is not quite as fast as its ice-counterpart it should be, nevertheless, interesting enough. There are eight players in each team.

In addition to this match competitions will be held between the two rinks in fancy skating (men, women and children), while there will also be an arithmetic race and a thread the needle race.

AN EXHIBITION IN FANCY SKATING WILL BE GIVEN BY SOME OF THE LEADING MEMBERS OF HONG KONG SKATING ASSOCIATION, WHO HAVE BEEN INVITED BY THE



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R.A.F. Protecting Troops In Great Battle

One-man Battle In China

An official tribute to the work of Sir Frederick Maze, Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, was paid in the House of Commons yesterday after a question about the control of the Customs in the occupied areas of China.

Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, pointed out that the Inspector-General continues to administer the Customs service all over China, including the Marine Department, which deals with lighthouses and harbour services, but he has to take into consideration the requirements of the occupying power in occupied areas.

Sir Alfred Knox asked whether it was realised that Sir Frederick Maze was putting up a single-handed fight for British interests in the Far East, and asked whether the Foreign Secretary would do everything possible to help him.

Mr. Eden replied: "I would join in paying the warmest possible tribute to the work Sir Frederick is doing."—Reuter.

SMALL RAID ON ALEXANDRIA

Only a few bombs were dropped during an air raid on Alexandria early yesterday morning, according to an Egyptian Ministry of Interior communiqué.

Fighters In Constant Action

THE DESTRUCTION of 20 enemy aircraft in the Western Desert battle on Tuesday was the feature of yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communique, which said that R.A.F. and South African aircraft continued to give full support to the operations by ground forces in the Western Desert.

Fighters repeatedly engaged enemy aircraft which attempted to attack troops, and destroyed 12 Junkers 87's, two G 50's and six Messerschmidt 109's.

During the day they were also active in machine-gunning enemy motor transport on roads in the Gazala area and did considerable damage.

Bomber aircraft carried out a number of attacks on enemy armoured cars and transport.

In the Sidi Omar area bombs fell among tanks and transport, destroying or disabling more than 20 vehicles, and in the same area armoured cars, light tanks and troops concentrations were shot up.

During the night of June 16/17 heavy bombers attacked a number of targets.

Hits were registered on the central mole and elsewhere in the harbour area at Benghazi.

Bardia Raid

Bombs were dropped on the landing grounds at Derna and Gazala where a number of fires were started, and at Bardia several motor transport vehicles were set on fire and others damaged.

There is nothing of outstanding importance to report from other fronts.

From all these operations six aircraft are missing.—Reuter.

GREAT BATTLE OF TANKS STILL RAGING ROUND SOLLUM

(Continued from Page 1)

Saturday morning we threaded our way through long lines of motorised transport, artillery and Bren-gun carriers.

Dog Fights

The German air force was strangely absent, and we arrived within five miles of Hellfire Pass before patrolling Hurricanes were challenged.

THEN BEGAN A SERIES OF HAIR-RAISING DOG FIGHTS WHICH CONTINUED ALL DAY.

Advancing to within some two miles of Hellfire Pass, down the centre of the plain, we had a grandstand view of the British shelling of the pass from a protecting wadi.

We could follow the shells from the flash to the final satisfactory pop, as great fountains of sand and smoke plumed into the air around the German positions.

Fighters' Activity

Meanwhile, British light artillery was moving closer and medium and heavy tanks steadily advancing from the rear.

Never for one minute were fighter planes absent.

At Brigade Headquarters, the Brigadier again gave us a few moments in which he announced the capture of Bir Waer, which strategically is almost as important as Capuzzo.

Battle Still Raging

The battle was still raging fiercely yesterday in the triangle east of Halfaya Pass, according to latest reports received in Cairo from the front.

Amid the wrecks of tanks which have been knocked out, the armoured giants continue to belabour each other with shells.

Military circles in Cairo emphasise that this continues to be a local action aimed only at securing the high ground at the top of the pass.

This area resembles the observation posts so bitterly contested in the last war.

POSSESSION OF IT IS NOT VITAL BUT IS OF CONSIDERABLE ADVANTAGE TO WHICHEVER SIDE HOLDS IT.

Indian troops are among those sharing the hard fighting round Halfaya Pass.—Reuter.

GUNMAN CONFESSES

ONE OF THE GUNMEN ARRESTED IN SHANGHAI FOR THE MURDER OF DEPUTY POLICE COMMISSIONER AGAKI HAS CONFESSED THAT THE CRIME WAS INSTIGATED BY ELEMENTS SUPPORTING THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AT CHUNGKING, ACCORDING TO UNOFFICIAL JAPANESE QUARTERS.

As a result of his confession, three more arrests have been made in Hongkew, the Japanese occupied sector of the International Settlement.

On behalf of the Consular Body, M. Paul Schoul, Danish Consul-General, yesterday wrote a letter to the Japanese Consul-General expressing deep sympathy and abhorrence for "this wanton act."—Reuter.

EVASIONS OF THOUGHT

IN THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT AT CAMBRIDGE, MASS., YESTERDAY, JUSTICE FELIX FRANKFURTER, ONE OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S CLOSEST NEW DEAL ADVISERS, HELD IT WAS FALLACIOUS TO BELIEVE THAT "WE NEVER SETTLES ANYTHING."

Giving a crisp warning against "paralysing evasions of thought," Justice Frankfurter, addressing women graduates of Radcliffe College, adjacent to Harvard University, said: "The Civil War settled slavery; this war will settle the quality of your lives and your children's lives."—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

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Final Warning To Gen. Dentz

INVASION PORTS BLITZED

The R.A.F. struck again at the Nazis on the French side of the Channel last evening, when bombers, escorted by fighting formations, made an offensive sweep across the Straits of Dover.

Coast watchers saw large numbers of our fighters roaring out across the Straits.

For some time after the bomber force went out, explosions, apparently from salvos of bombs, rocked the Kent coast.

Targets near Boulogne were believed to have been attacked. A terrific explosion, heard and felt on the Kent coast during the afternoon, rocked buildings and was one of the heaviest experienced for a long time.

In the course of the combined bomber and fighter raid over Northern France, a military camp was bombed and nine German aircraft destroyed. Four R.A.F. fighters were lost.—Reuter.

13 Nazi Planes Shot Down

SPITFIRE AND HURRICANES OF THE FIGHTER COMMAND PROVIDED THE ESCORT FOR OUR BOMBERS IN THE SUCCESSFUL RAID OVER OCCUPIED FRANCE YESTERDAY.

They also swept the Channel and enemy-occupied territory, shooting down 13 ME's and severely damaging several others.

A number of fighter squadrons provided the escort and although German fighters tried to attack the bombers, every one was fought off by the R.A.F. pilots who guarded the bombers to the target, protected them during the successful bombing and brought them all back to base without loss.

One pilot reports that ME's tried to attack the bombers as soon as they crossed the French coast and until they were half way back across the Channel.

"Forty to 50 ME's attacked us for 30 minutes," says one of the pilot's reports.

A Polish squadron which formed part of the escort was constantly attacked while over France but prevented any enemy planes getting near the bombers.

During this operation Spitfires and Hurricanes of other squadrons swept the Channel and Northern France.

The total figure of enemy casualties includes only those aircraft seen to crash and taking no account of those probably destroyed but which did not crash within sight of British aircraft.—British Wireless.

STAND-BY ORDER TO U.S. RESERVISTS

Stand-by orders have been issued to the last remaining U.S. naval reservists, the Navy Department stated in Washington yesterday.—Reuter.

GERMAN TROOP TRANSPORT TORPEDOED

It was officially announced in London yesterday that British submarines, operating in the Aegean have torpedoed and sunk an Italian tanker and three caiques.

One of the latter was laden with German personnel, and another with drums of oil.

British submarines in the central Mediterranean have sunk two Italian supply ships.

The Italian tanker was the Giuseppina Gharardi, of 3,319 tons.—Reuter.

Free French Now In Western Suburbs

THE POSITION IN SYRIA IS CONSIDERED SATISFACTORY IN USUALLY WELL INFORMED CIRCLES IN CAIRO.

Vichy raiding thrusts round Kuneitra and Merj Ayoun have been contained and ample forces are available to drive them back. This action is, in fact, in full swing.

Further east the Allied forces are slowly making their way down the foothills leading to the Plain of Damascus.

With the Allied columns making headway towards the city from various points of the compass the situation is, however, somewhat confused. Indian troops here, as in North Africa, are taking part and are doing a fine job of work, particularly in the coastal sector.

Kiswe Successes

Free French and British troops have occupied all fortified positions to the east west of Kiswe, 12 miles south of Damascus, says a communique issued by Free French Headquarters in the Middle East carried from Jerusalem by the Independent French Agency and quoted by Reuter.

Free French At Gates

Free French troops have now reached the western suburbs of Damascus, according to a despatch to the independent French news Agency from its correspondent with the French forces in Syria.

The Vichy troops are still holding the village of Mezoe, some three miles from Damascus.

Other Free French and Indian troops are pushing forward along the Kiswe-Damascus road east of the moun-

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Final Warning

A FINAL WARNING TO THE FRENCH HIGH COMMISSIONER AT DAMASCUS, GENERAL DENTZ, TO CAPITULATE, FAILING WHICH AN ALLIED ATTACK ON DAMASCUS WOULD BEGIN AT 5.30 THIS MORNING, WAS MADE BY RADIO FROM JERUSALEM BY THE BRITISH COMMANDER, GENERAL MAITLAND WILSON, YESTERDAY.

General Wilson added Vichy would be responsible for the bloodshed.

Whether the French capitulate or not, General Wilson promised he would start the occupation of Damascus at dawn to-day.

"LOSING SIDE WILL BE EXHAUSTED"

"THE GREATEST importance is attached to the outcome of the fighting at Sollum, as the losing side will be exhausted," says the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm "Dagens Nyheter."

The battle, adds the writer, is compared with the hardest fighting in the whole of last year.

Like Graziani, General Rommel appeared with a prepared offensive, and General Wavell attacked in order to break the head of the enemy's advance.

German military circles do not believe that the fighting will continue for many days owing to difficulties of supply.

The Rome correspondent of the "Dagbladet" declares the

British offensive at Sollum has assumed "great dimensions."

IT IS STATED IN ROME THAT DURING THE LAST THREE WEEKS THE BRITISH HAVE RECEIVED EVEN GREATER REINFORCEMENTS, ESPECIALLY OF TANKS.

Military circles state the combined actions of General Wavell and General Wilson at Sollum and in Syria show "the British are seeking to obtain a breathing space for the defence of Suez."

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Turkey Signs Pact Of Friendship With Germany

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A TREATY of friendship between Turkey and Germany was signed in Ankara at 9 o'clock last night by Franz von Papen, the Nazi Ambassador, and Dr. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, says the official German news agency.

Text of the treaty consists of three Articles, which state:—
1 Germany and Turkey bind themselves mutually to respect the integrity and inviolability of their national territory and not to resort to any measures, direct or indirect, against their treaty partner.

2 GERMANY AND TURKEY BIND THEMSELVES IN THE FUTURE ON ALL QUESTIONS TOUCHING THEIR COMMON INTERESTS TO HAVE FRIENDLY CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER IN ORDER TO REACH

AN UNDERSTANDING IN THE TREATMENT OF SUCH QUESTIONS.

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Finally, Dr. Sarajoglu expressed the wish that "the publications of the press and radio of our countries should be made in the spirit of friendship and mutual trust which characterises relations between Germany and Turkey."

Notes Exchanged

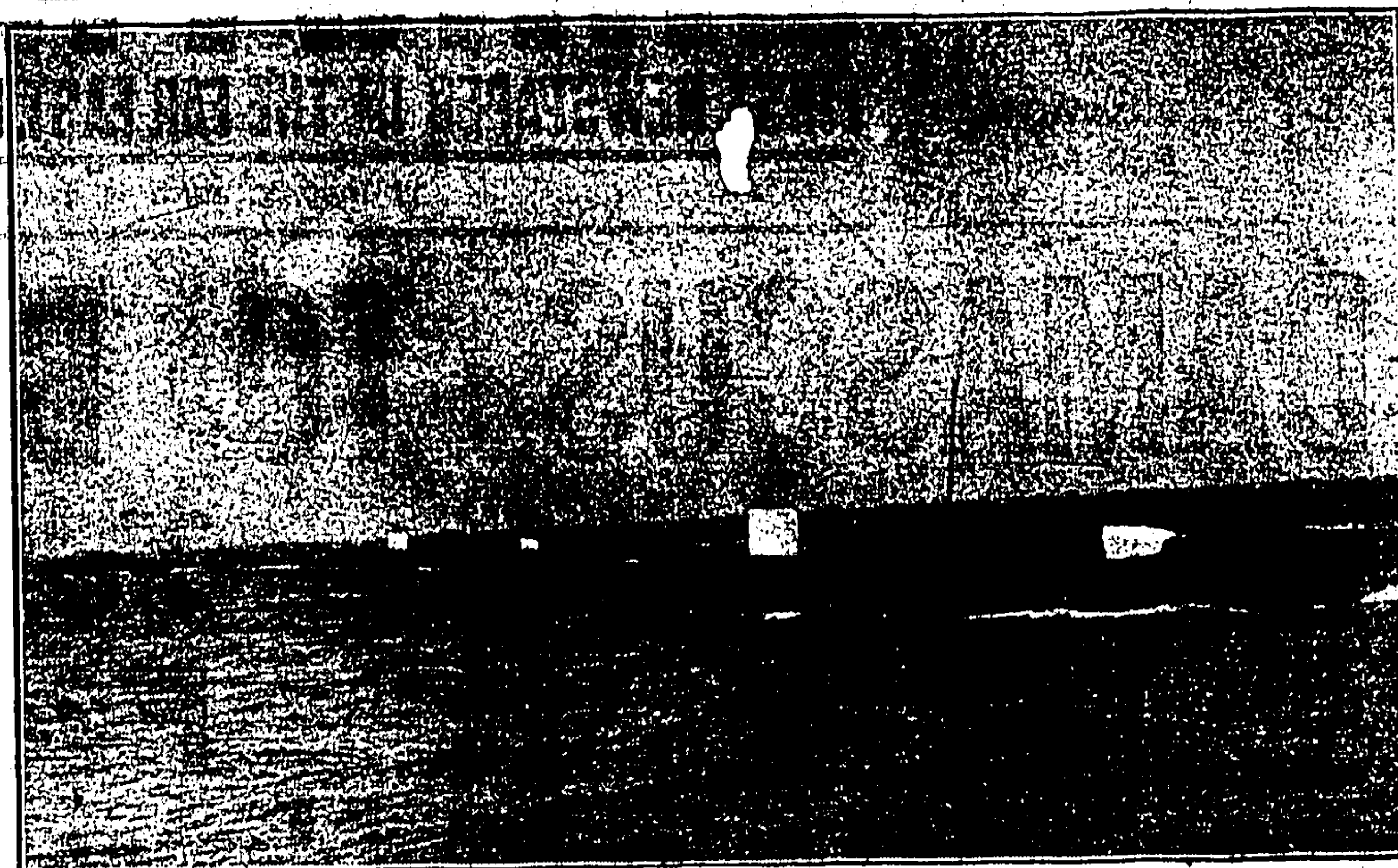
Simultaneously with the signing of the Turkish-German Treaty, identical Notes were exchanged between the two countries, and using as a basis the experience each country has had of the other in war, the two countries will henceforth enter into negotiations to establish a treaty basis for the carrying out of this agreement.

A joint declaration, disseminated by press and radio, expressed the wish that the press and radio of both countries shall always bear in mind, in all they publish and broadcast, the spirit of friendship and mutual trust animating their nations.—Reuter.

NEW GOVERNOR APPOINTED TO TANGANYIKA

SIR WILFRED EDWARD FRANCIS JACKSON, GOVERNOR OF BRITISH GUIANA, HAS BEEN APPOINTED GOVERNOR OF TANGANYIKA IN SUCCESSION TO SIR MARK YOUNG, WHO BECOMES GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG.

Sir Wilfred Jackson is 59 years old and has had many years in the Colonial Service, having served in various posts in Trinidad, Uganda, Bermuda and the Gold Coast. In 1930, he became Governor of Mauritius, taking over the Governorship of British Guiana seven years later when Sir Geoffrey Northcote was promoted to Hong Kong.—Reuter.



The Royal Navy now have Motor Launches in service, used for general patrol work such as anti-submarine and anti E-boats. Photo shows three of the Naval Motor Launches on patrol. The censor has eliminated armament features.—(Copyright, Fox.)

GERMAN PROTEST REJECTED

Mr. Sumner Welles, United States Under-Secretary of State, indicated at his press conference yesterday that the United States has flatly rejected the German protest regarding the closure of consulates.—Reuter.

DISMAL SILENCE IN BERLIN

German reaction to the closing of German consulates in the United States is described as a "dismal silence" by the Berlin correspondent of the "Stockholm Tidningen," who says there is an impression that Germany prefers to be sure of her position before answering.

The situation borders on rupture, though an open conflict is not imminent since the nerves of both parties are good and it is hardly likely that either will precipitate events.

Germany, adds the correspondent, desires to delay the break as long as possible. Her chief desire is to avoid facilitating President Roosevelt's "war policy."

Only measure adopted so far has been the freezing of American credits in Germany, and probably also the implication that this will also apply to occupied countries.

The principal of "not to allow ourselves to be provoked," hitherto followed, is no longer applicable to Germany but it is desired to maintain world uncertainty.

Inopportune

Though Germany is not pleased with the latest American mea-

BRITISH VIEW OF THE NEW PACT

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

EVER SINCE YUGOSLAVIA and Greece were overwhelmed by the Nazi forces, Turkey has been subjected to ever-increasing pressure to bring her into line with the Axis.

Not only has the German occupation of the Aegean Islands exposed Turkey to the menace of attack where her defences were weakest but she has had little support or encouragement from her nearest neighbour, with whom her ties have been very close.

Turkey has also suffered severely by the defection of France, which deprived her of her principal source of war material.

In these circumstances it is not surprising that the Turks have finally entered into an agreement of limited scope with Germany.

It is very much to their credit that they have resisted German pressure to break their commitments with Great Britain or to agree to any infringement of Turkish sovereign rights such as allowing German troops the right of passage through Turkey.

Turkey has not only preserved her present state of non-involvement in the war but while maintaining her sovereignty and territorial integrity, has shown her determination to remain faithful to the spirit of goodwill and friendship implicit in the Anglo-Turkish Treaty of Alliance.

Reservation

The new treaty specially makes a reservation in respect of Turkey's previous commitments.

It may be assumed Germany will exaggerate the significance of the new agreement and will attempt to exploit it as part of the nerve war upon Russia, but it will not destroy Turkey's friendship for Great Britain nor involve Turkey in any course that would be an embarrassment to Great Britain.

The British authorities have throughout been kept informed of the progress of the negotiations.—Reuter.

sure, it is yet considered inopportune to say so.

The Rome correspondent of the "Tidningen" says that while the balance of the mutual freezing of credits by the U.S. and Italy benefits Italy, the relatives of emigrants in America, accustomed to receive regular remittances, will suffer hardship.—Reuter.

BROUGHTON STILL IN THE BOX

Sir Delves Broughton, who is charged with the murder of the Earl of Erroll, giving further evidence at the trial in Nairobi yesterday, did not agree that Erroll's death was a satisfactory solution of his (Broughton's) domestic troubles.

He agreed he had previously said he would take his wife back if Erroll and she fell out of love while Broughton was in Ceylon, but he now added this would have depended on what kind of life she led while he was away.

Replying to the judge, accused said his toast at dinner on January 23 to his wife, Erroll and their future heir was absolutely sincere.

Broughton denied being involved in a scene at the Muthaiga Club when, soon after his arrival in Nairobi, it was alleged he threatened to throw champagne in his wife's face or break a bottle over a man's head.

Accused said it was a complete fairy tale.—Reuter.

WOMEN OF 23-24 TO REGISTER

All female British subjects born in 1917 are required to register particulars about themselves on Saturday, June 28.—British Wireless.

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DEBATE ON LESSONS OF WAR

Lord Addison Criticises War Office Inaction

Lord Samuel Paints Brighter Picture

THE HOUSE OF LORDS yesterday debated the Battle of Crete. The debate was initiated by Lord Addison, who dwelt particularly upon the defence of the aerodromes, in which, he declared, there was a diversion of responsibility.

If higher direction on that matter was responsible for the defeat in Crete, we should not run similar risks in our home defence. Lord Addison said he was himself responsible in March and April this year for bringing to the notice of the War Office and Air Ministry a very serious memo on the subject "but nothing happened."

Lord Addison argued that the reason why this vital matter was not apprehended adequately, was because not enough play had been given at the top to brains.

Viscount Samuel (Liberal) found much cause for gratification.

Alluding to the number of important occurrences in which Hitler had failed, Lord Samuel quoted a phrase by Carlyle: "You may paint with a very big brush and yet not be a great painter."

Spain—And Russia

He referred to Iraq and to the fact that contrary to expectations a year ago, Hitler had not yet shaken Spain's neutrality and marched on Gibraltar.

The affection and mutual confidence between the Soviet and Germany, continued Lord Samuel, was now apparently shown by the massing of armed millions from the Baltic to the Black Sea.

The Soviet alliance with Japan had not frightened the United States from taking overt action to assist the Allies.

American action, he said, must be greatly influenced by the attitude of their sister Republics in Central and South America which Germany had been making intense efforts to influence but failed.

The whole of the 21 American Republics and the Pan-American Union remained solid.

Battle Of Atlantic

The Battle of the Atlantic was far from being won but it was certainly not won for Hitler.

Lord Trenchard, distinguished former Chief of the R.A.F., said there was much misunderstanding regarding recent air operations.

If more aerodromes had been built in Crete they would never have survived large-scale bombing attacks which the Germans could bring against them.

Whether it was possible ever to accumulate enough equipment adequately to defend the aerodromes in Greece and Crete, was a point which only those with full knowledge could answer.

The facilities at the disposal of the Germans for bringing up planes and supplies were incomparably superior to the British.

Reserve Problem

Lord Trenchard said: "One of the reasons for the evacuation of Crete was that we could not get a reserve of troops into the battle zone. You cannot keep your reserve troops in the battle zone."

"For this purpose of having a reserve in depth, an Air Force reserve of far greater than 100 per cent. is needed."

"There will always be a large number of reserves for the Middle East locked up in transit along lines of communication."

LORD TRENCHARD DECLARED THE DEFENCE OF AERO-

DROMES WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ARMY.

Information Wanted

Field-Marshal Lord Milne made a strong plea that the War Office should accelerate the supply of information concerning the whereabouts, if alive, of the men from Greece and Crete, as in many cases relatives did not know what had happened to their sons and husbands.

LORD CROFT INTERVENED TO GIVE AN ASSURANCE THAT THIS MATTER WAS BEING SPEEDED UP.

Lord Moyne, replying to the debate for the Government, refuted the "Nazi lie" that the whole force of the German attack in Crete was borne by Anzac troops.

British troops in operation this year had been equal in number and slightly more than equal in casualties.

The number of German dead in Crete was four times as many as the British and exceeded the total of British losses in killed, wounded and missing.

Blunted Teeth

We lost relatively little material whereas we destroyed at least 430 of the costliest German types of planes and blunted the teeth of the Luftwaffe.

Cooperation with the Army would not be inferior to that of the Germans when our system of air support was complete.

"In this country aerodromes are defended in depth. We have an air defence force and local defence serving particularly aerodromes. They will be supplemented and backed up by the Army."

Lord Moyne declared the handicap of distance to the eastern Mediterranean was being steadily counteracted.

Suez Position

The resistance in Greece and Crete had given us months to strengthen the position in the Suez Canal.

The Italians had been cleared out of threatening positions, the South Africans and others in the Red Sea operations had been enabled to reinforce the main position in the Mediterranean and counteract the treachery in Iraq and of Vichy in Syria.

Meanwhile, from Britain, the United States, India and Africa, growing volumes of armaments and transport were flowing in and far exceeded the loss of material.

In the Syrian operations the Australians were already flying American planes.

Tank Battle

If we had given a free passage to the Germans by not resisting in Greece and Crete, the situation of the Suez Canal defences

would have been far more anxious than it was to-day. We had used the time to good purpose.

The prospects of the present vicious tank battle would have been very different if the Germans could have got in all the tanks they wanted and if we had not had four months in which to reinforce our resources.

The sacrifice and sufferings undergone by the British, Australian and New Zealand forces had not only caused a serious setback in Hitler's Eastern plans but might bring their final wrecking.—Reuter.

Germany's Start

Lord Moyne referred to the cooperation of R.A.F. squadrons with the Army.

Army Cooperation Squadrons, he said, had for a long time been working in intimate relation with ground troops which involved the working out of extremely difficult combined training.

The Germans at the start of the war were in possession of wireless cooperation of very great efficiency. He was assured our armoured formations were now building up the same kind of system of close cooperation and association with particular aircraft whose function it will be to support them in battle.

Already in technical skill and ability the R.A.F. was fully equal to this very important function and would not be found in any way inferior to the German example when these new arrangements were fully developed.

While the lesson of Crete had not been neglected, said Lord Moyne much more had been done than was obvious to the public, and defence of an aerodrome was not plain for all to see.

"Wringing Of Hands"

During the debate Viscount Cecil of Chelwood said there had been too much of "this wringing of our hands."

The position, broadly speaking, was not unsatisfactory. If they looked back, every month almost showed a decided improvement in our position compared with that of our enemies.

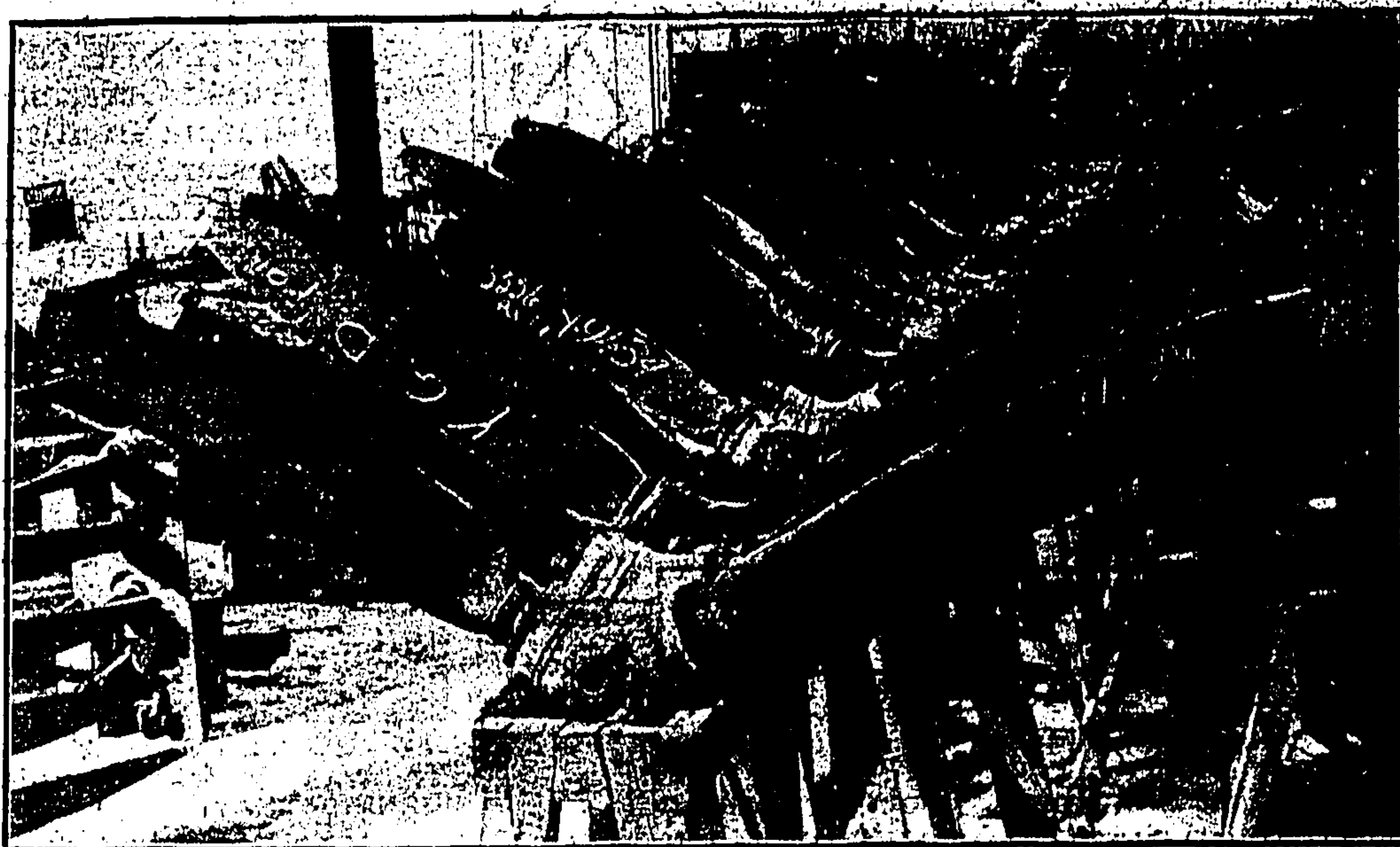
There had been, of course, instances of serious setbacks, but taking a wider view of the general course of the war it would be absurd not to recognise that, compared with six months ago, we had immense superiority now.—British Wireless.

100,000 ABLE TO RESPOND

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Federal radio officials in Washington yesterday estimated that at least 100,000 American citizens are qualified to answer Lord Beaverbrook's unique broadcast appeal for radio technicians to operate Britain's secret weapon against air raiders.

There are 56,500 licensed amateurs and nearly 40,000 professionals in radio and closely allied fields in the U.S.—International News Service.



Before being consigned to the scrap heap, all damaged aircraft are taken to the salvage department of Rotolo, where it is estimated that 75% are repaired and put back into use. Photo shows:—A line of aircraft awaiting the attention of the expert.—(Copyright, Fox.)

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SINO-BURMA BORDER DELIMITATION

AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES between the Chinese and British Governments on the delimitation of the Sino-Burma frontier, took place in Chungking at 5 p.m. yesterday.

One Note defines in detail the line which is to be the frontier between Yunnan and Burma and another Note defines the boundaries of the area on the Burma side of the frontier in which the Burman Government agrees to permit Chinese participation in any mining enterprise which may be undertaken by British concerns.

TELEPHONE HIT BY LIGHTNING

IT WAS REVEALED THIS MORNING THAT THE SHOCK RECEIVED BY AN INDIAN CONSTABLE IN THE CHINESE SOLDIERS' INTERNMENT CAMP ON TUESDAY MORNING WAS THE RESULT OF A TELEPHONE POST IN THE KOWLOON DISTRICT BEING STRUCK BY LIGHTNING AT THE HEIGHT OF THE THUNDERSTORM AT ABOUT 11 A.M.

All Government telephones in the neighbourhood started ringing when the post was struck and the Indian constable was almost electrocuted when he picked up the Camp telephone.

He was discharged from hospital last night and it was stated this morning that he owed his life to a fellow constable who immediately applied artificial respiration.

COST OF LIVING IN BRITAIN

THE OFFICIAL COST OF LIVING INDEX FIGURE ON MAY 31 WAS 100 POINTS ABOVE THE LEVEL OF JULY, 1914. SHOWING NO CHANGE AS COMPARED WITH MAY 1.

For food alone the index figure was 70 points above the level in July, 1914, compared with 71 points on May 1, the decline being due mainly to decreases in the price of fish.

Among items other than food there was a slight increase in the prices of clothing and clothing materials, partly due to effects of the Purchase Tax.

Since this tax came into operation on October 21, the resulting increases in prices have raised the cost of living index figure by approximately five points.—British Wireless.

CIVILIAN TECHNICAL CORPS

Answering a Commons question the Air Secretary said: "Skilled men overseas whose services are available and who possess the requisite qualifications and are otherwise suitable, are free to enlist in technical branches of the Fighting Services but, in order to afford a wider opportunity for skilled technicians overseas to respond to the appeal which was broadcast by Lord Beaverbrook, government have decided to establish a civilian technical corps in which will be enrolled men who volunteer to come to this country for service in repair and maintenance establishments of the Navy, Army and Air Force in a non-combatant capacity." —British Wireless.

PHOTOGRAPHIC CONFIRMATION

Mr. Sumner Welles, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, told the press yesterday that the Robin Moor survivors had excellent photographs corroborating their oral testimony that the vessel was sunk by a German submarine.—Reuter.

In 1885, Britain annexed Upper Burma and by Article Three of the Convention relating to Burma and Tibet, entered into between Britain and China in 1886, it was agreed that the frontier between China and Burma be marked by a delimitation commission. Negotiations opened in 1892 and a Convention was signed on March 1, 1894 defining the frontier.

A subsequent agreement in 1897 provided for certain modifications but considerable difficulties were experienced owing to the inexactness of the terms used in the Convention.

Three separate Boundary Commissions failed to reach an agreement regarding a portion of the frontier of about 200 miles between the Rivers Namting and Nankha.

Mineral Deposits

The matter was in abeyance for over 30 years until, in 1934, it was taken up owing to difference of opinion regarding the right to investigate certain mineral deposits believed to exist in the disputed area.

By an exchange of Notes in Nanking in April 1935, China, Britain and India agreed to the establishment of a Commission under the chairmanship of a Commissioner appointed by the League of Nations which submitted a report on the recommendations.

The matter was again shelved when hostilities between China and Japan broke out in the Summer of 1937.

The question became again acute when the Chinese Government decided to press on with the construction of the Yunnan-Burma Railway because the easiest route would take the railway across the area in dispute.

In these circumstances, aided by the more friendly atmosphere prevailing between China and Britain, a solution was quickly found and this solution was embodied in the Notes which were exchanged in Chungking yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

EVASIONS OF THOUGHT

IN THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT AT CAMBRIDGE, MASS., YESTERDAY, JUSTICE FELIX FRANKFURTER, ONE OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S CLOSEST NEW DEAL ADVISERS, HELD IT WAS FALLACIOUS TO BELIEVE THAT "WAR NEVER SETTLES ANYTHING."

Giving a crisp warning against "paralyzing evasions of thought," Justice Frankfurter, addressing women graduates of Radcliffe College, adjacent to Harvard University, said: "The Civil War settled slavery; this war will settle the quality of your lives and your children's lives."—Reuter.

STARACE OUT OF FAVOUR

Starace, former Secretary of the Fascist Party, is no longer a member of the Chamber of Fasci and Corporations, says a Rome despatch to Vichy.

A decree signed by Mussolini appoints Enzo Galgati in his place. Galgati also replaces Starace as Chief of Staff of the Fascist Militia.—Reuter.

THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY

A strong plea for approval of the St. Lawrence seaway scheme was made yesterday by Col. Frank Knox, U.S. Secretary of Navy.

The scheme is for combined Canadian and United States action to deepen the connection between the upper St. Lawrence and the sea.

Col. Knox declared: "We are going to live in a disturbed world for a long time. It would be advantageous to build ships in an area reasonably secure from attack from without."

Col. Knox was addressing the House of Representatives Harbours Committee.—Reuter.

GUNMAN CONFESSES

ONE OF THE GUNMEN ARRESTED IN SHANGHAI FOR THE MURDER OF DEPUTY POLICE COMMISSIONER AGAKI HAS CONFESSED THAT THE CRIME WAS INSTIGATED BY ELEMENTS SUPPORTING THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AT CHUNGKING, ACCORDING TO UNOFFICIAL JAPANESE QUARTERS.

As a result of his confession, three more arrests have been made in Hongkew, the Japanese-occupied sector of the International Settlement.

On behalf of the Consular Body, M. Paul Schoultz, Danish Consul-General, yesterday wrote a letter to the Japanese Consul-General expressing deep sympathy and abhorrence for "this wanton act."—Reuter.

International News says the Japanese claim the gunman confessed he received secret orders from General Han, Chungking-appointed Governor of Kiangsu, to proceed to Shanghai for the purpose of attacking Japanese officials.

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Under present methods, when it is necessary to tranship goods, for example, at Lisbon for Switzerland, or at more distant ports like Singapore and Hong Kong, delays often occur, especially where there are British controls to prevent goods reaching the enemy.

Exporters holding an export licence will be able to obtain a "destination control certificate" which will go with the goods and at the transshipment port, or if the ship is intercepted by the British Navy, will act as a passport to obviate the need of examination by the authorities.—British Wireless.

WANT WHITE-OUT ON THE BLACK-OUT

An appeal to motorists to put white paint on blacked-out portions of direction indicators is made by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.

White paint makes the indicators more visible in daylight.

WAS ROBIN MOOR SINKING PLANNED IN ADVANCE?

COMMENTING ON THE United States measures against German agencies and funds, the London "Times" writes editorially that everyone familiar with the kind of activity in which Germans living abroad are expected to engage under the direction of the Nazi organisation run by Herr Bohle, will understand why the U.S. Government felt compelled to terminate the long-standing abuse of American hospitality.

After recalling the circumstances of the sinking of the Robin Moor, "The Times" says that in addition to these plain facts, the American Government now has reason to believe the whole affair had been carefully planned, the approximate point of attack and the sort of vessel to be attacked being chosen to make the greatest possible impression on South American countries.

Remarking that verbal protests and arguments based on international law are "an ineffective means of dealing with pirates," the newspaper mentions the suggestion that American merchant ships be armed.

It adds it is also reported that negotiations are in progress for the construction of air bases on the coast of Brazil, for which credits would be advanced by the United States and which would be available for use by the American air force.

Vital Area

The Robin Moor was sunk in the waist of the Atlantic, about half way between Dakar and Pernambuco. It is a vital area for United States communications with South America, South Africa and East Africa.

"The Times" suggests that while a base on the Brazilian side would be useful, its usefulness would be more than doubled if supplemented by a base in West Africa.

Sites in British Gambia no more than a day's motor run from Dakar could be leased to the United States on the analogy of the West Indian bases.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT DEFENCE 'PLANS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DECLARED YESTERDAY THAT THE SECRETARY OF WAR WILL SOON REPORT ON THE ADVISABILITY OF HOLDING THE NATIONAL GUARD IN FEDERAL SERVICE FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN SUCCESSION, AND INDICATED HE WOULD BE GUIDED BY THE SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

President Roosevelt also disclosed that the Administration is planning to request Congress to vote supplementary appropriations to the present \$7,000,000,000 Lease and Lend Programme. He said he did not know the amount.—International News Service.

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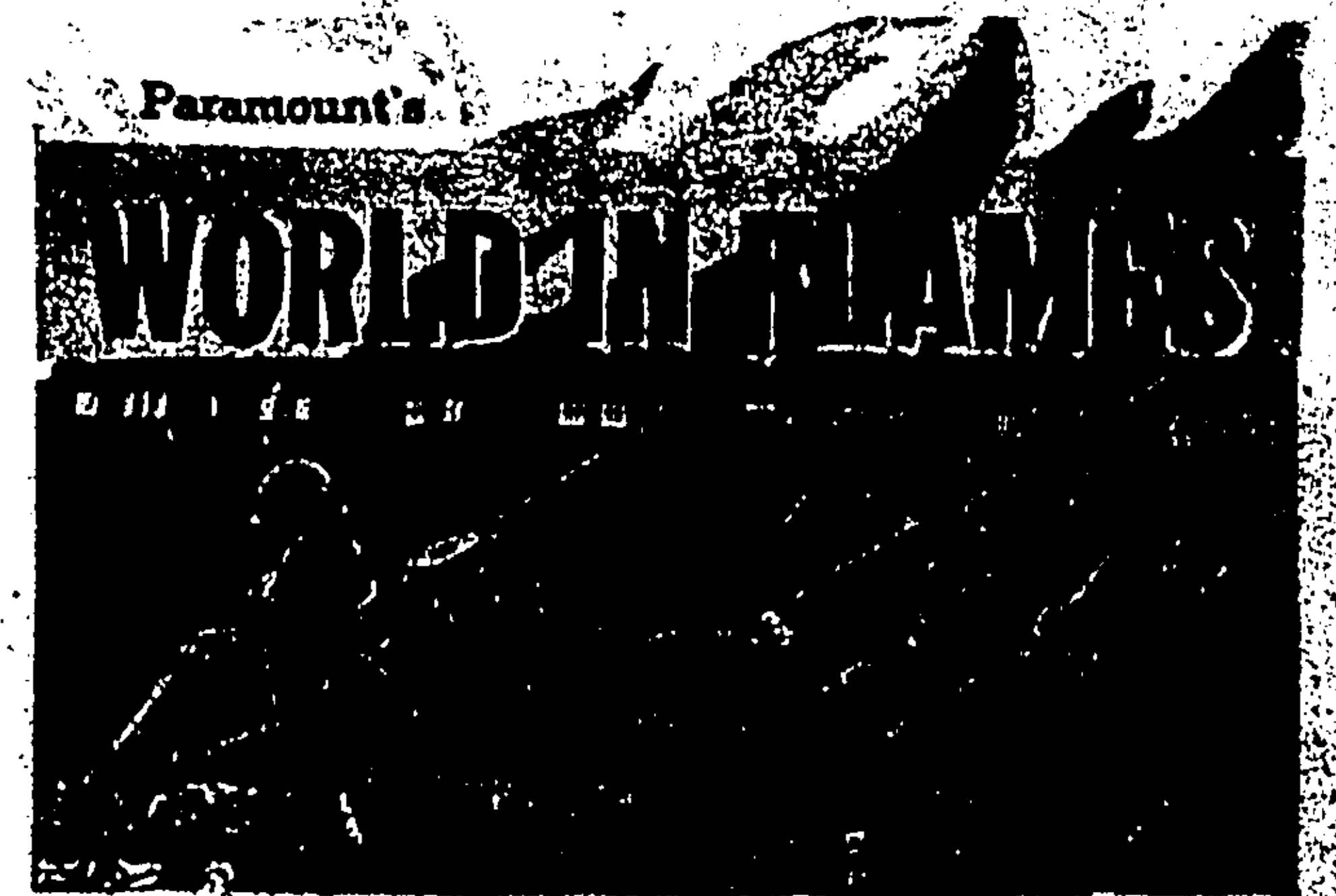
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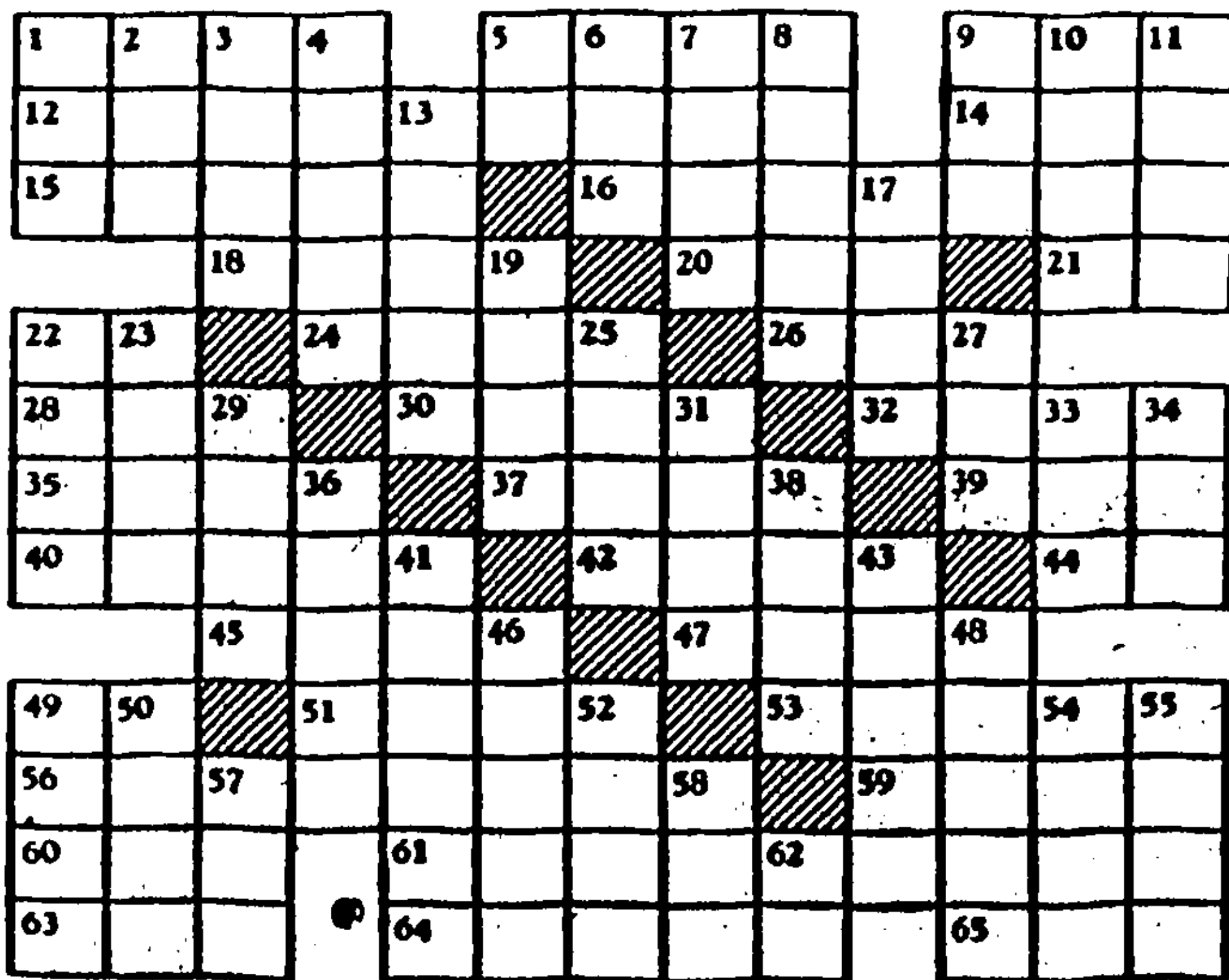
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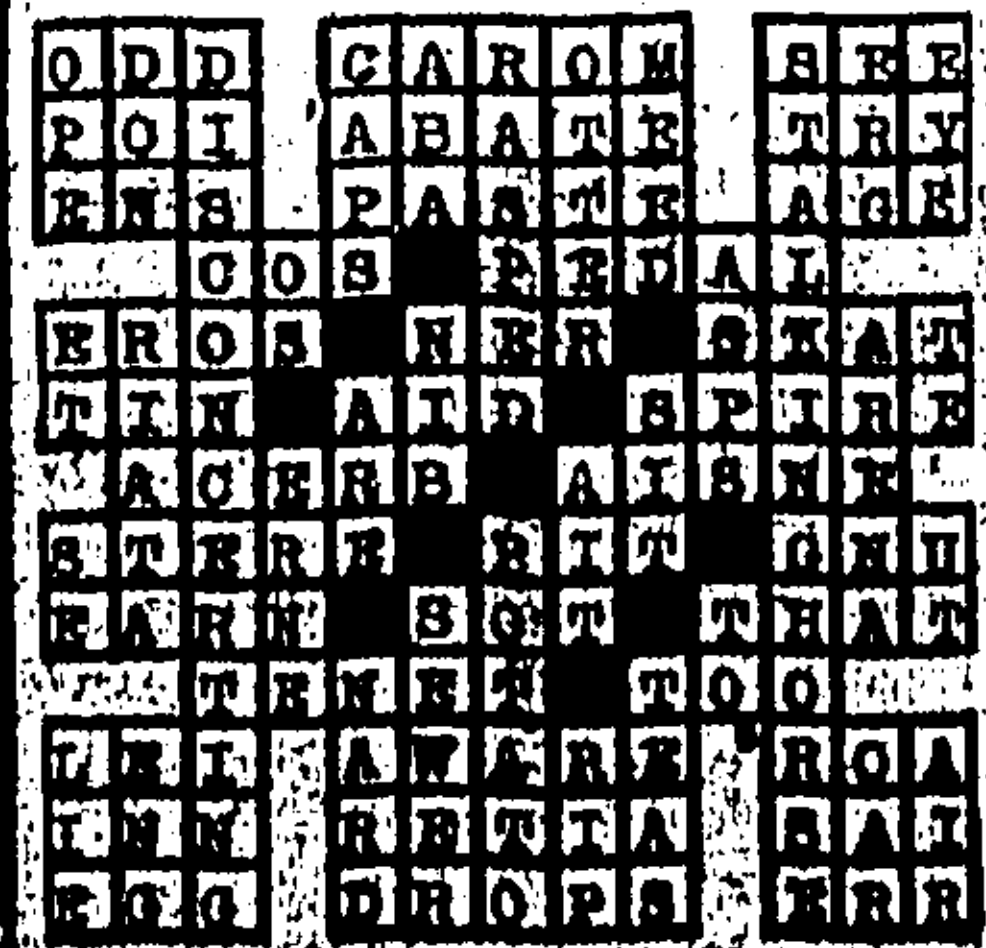
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- 9 To append
- 12 Discard
- 14 Author of "The Raven"
- 15 Lock of hair
- 16 Underground prison
- 18 Line of junction
- 20 French coin
- 21 Pronoun
- 22 Exclamation of satisfaction
- 24 Narrow opening
- 26 To obstruct
- 28 To observe
- 30 Son of Lot
- 32 Weasel-like mammal
- 35 Epochs
- 37 Heavenly body
- 39 To recline
- 40 Variety of coffee
- 42 Ox of Celebes
- 44 Preposition
- 45 Rabble
- 47 Descendant of the ancient Egyptians
- 49 Because
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VERTICAL

- 1 Deed
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- 3 Desserts
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- 5 What did you say?
- 6 Seed covering
- 7 Burden
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- 9 Simian
- 10 Unhappy destiny
- 11 To refuse
- 13 Sacred song
- 17 U. S. naval station
- 19 Lows, as a cow
- 22 Ancient alloy
- 23 Chief male figure of a play
- 25 Residence of chieftain
- 27 Wire measure
- 29 Every
- 31 Seat of justice
- 33 Island of the Cyclades
- 34 Range of knowledge
- 36 Utter
- 38 Cover of a building
- 41 To stop
- 43 Aside
- 46 To hang
- 48 Game fish
- 50 God of war
- 52 Prefix: half
- 54 To cut
- 56 Wind
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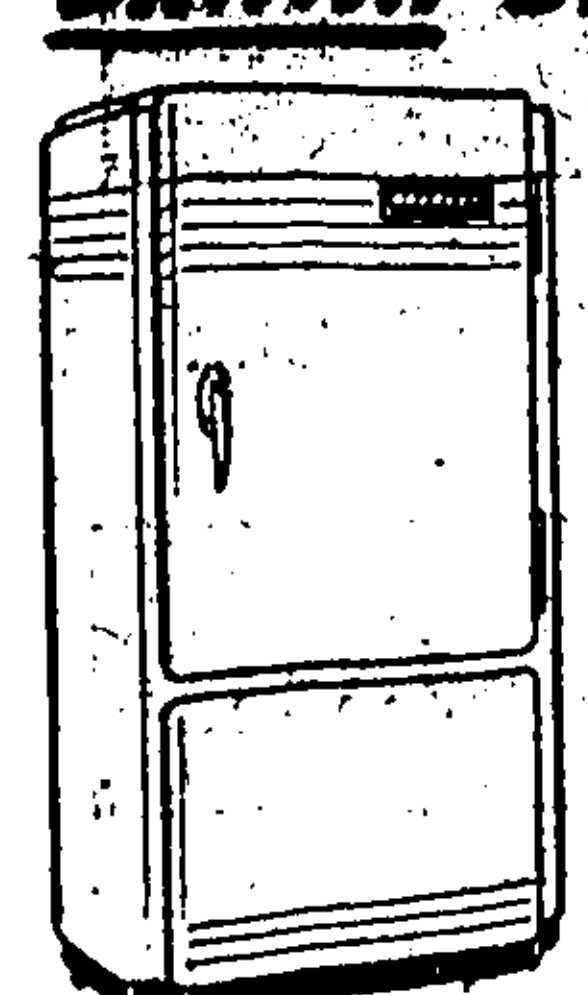


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GREAT BATTLE OF TANKS STILL RAGING ROUND SOLLUM

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the
advanced British Forces in the
Western Desert)

THE BATTLE WHICH BEGAN IN THE
WESTERN DESERT ON SUNDAY MAY PROVE
THE GREATEST OF THE LIBYAN CAM-
PAIGN. PRECISELY AT DAWN, BRITISH AND
INDIAN FORCES ADVANCED ON HELL-
FIRE PASS, CAPUZZO AND SOLLUM FROM
FOUR DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS.

A small armoured force followed the
coast road — infantry, supported by tanks
and artillery, spread across the plain extend-
ing from the sea to the escarpment — a
famous English and a Scottish regiment
attacked along the escarpment itself and the
armoured division made a wide sweep out
into the desert with the audacious intention
of attacking Sollum from the west and taking
the Germans in the rear.

INDO-CHINA WILL TAKE NO ACTION

No action is con-
templated by Indo-China
authorities against some
200 Britishers living in
Saigon, following the
Franco-British hostilities
over Syria, reliable sources
said.

Colonial officials are aware of
the awkward position Indo-China
occupies during the Syrian flare-
up, but they hope they can keep
aloof from any other French
participation in the European
conflict. Their aim, sources said,
is to continue peaceful relations
with other Far Eastern countries.
Business circles emphasised that
Indo-China is virtually depend-
ent upon the continuation of local
trade to survive, since European
trade has ceased. Therefore, they
said, it is to the colony's advan-
tage to retain the status quo.
In any event, it is believed that
Indo-China will not participate,
now that Anglo-French hostilities
have begun.—Associated Press.

JAPANESE PLANNING NEW DRIVE?

INTENSIVE RECONNOITRING
BY JAPANESE AIRCRAFT IN
THE PAST TWO DAYS ALONG
BOTH BANKS OF THE SIANG
RIVER IN NORTHERN HUNAN,
INCLUDING THE TOWNS OF
HSIANG YING, SIN SHIH, AND
CHING CHIN, IS CAUSING
SPECULATION IN CHUNGKING
WHETHER THE JAPANESE INTEND
TO LAUNCH A DRIVE IN
THAT REGION.

Field despatches from the
Northern Hunan front report that
the Japanese forces in Southern
Hupei along the Hupei-Hunan
highway have launched attacks
between Tungchen, Tsungyang
and Tungshan towards points of
the Hunan border but it is pointed
out that so far the fighting has
been of minor importance.
Information reaching Chinese
military authorities in Chungking
indicates that the Japanese have
been sending reinforcements to the
Hankow area, probably between
one and two divisions.—Reuter.

On Saturday evening a British
brigadier outlined to me the plan
of attack for each of the four
columns. With a walking-stick
he drew in the sand the routes to
be taken, obstacles to be encoun-
tered and the enemy's probable
strength.

Quietly confident and enthusias-
tic, the brigadier concluded: "It
is going to be a great scrap. It
may be a decisive scrap."

Advancing from the rear on
Saturday morning we threaded our
way through long lines of motor-
ised transport, artillery and Bren-
gun carriers.

Dog Fights

The German air force was
strangely absent and we arrived
within five miles of Hellfire Pass
before patrolling Hurricanes were
challenged.

THEN BEGAN A SERIES OF
HAIR-RAISING DOG FIGHTS
WHICH CONTINUED ALL DAY.

Advancing to within some two
miles of Hellfire Pass, down the
centre of the plain, we had a
grandstand view of the British
chelling of the pass from a pro-
tecting wadi.

We could follow the shells from
the flash to the final satisfactory
plop, as great fountains of sand
and smoke plumed into the air
around the German positions.

Fighters' Activity

Meanwhile, British light artill-
ery was moving closer and
medium and heavy tanks steadily
advancing from the rear.
Never for one minute were
fighter planes absent.

At Brigade Headquarters, the
Brigadier again gave us a few
moments in which he announced
the capture of Bir Waer, which
strategically is almost as impor-
tant as Capuzzo.

Battle Still Raging

The battle was still raging
fiercely yesterday in the triangle
east of Halfaya Pass, according
to latest reports received in Cairo
from the front.

Amid the wreckage of tanks
which have been knocked out,
the armoured giants continue to
belabour each other with shells.
Military circles in Cairo em-
phasise that this continues to be
a local action aimed only at
securing the high ground at the
top of the pass.

This area resembles the obser-
vation posts so bitterly contested
in the last war.
POSSESSION OF IT IS NOT
VITAL BUT IS OF CONSIDER-
ABLE ADVANTAGE TO WHIC-
EVER SIDE HOLDS IT.
Indian troops are among those
sharing the hard fighting round
Halfaya Pass.—Reuter.

YOUNGEST SQUADRON LEADER PRISONER

Squadron Leader
E. H. Lynch-Blosse,
aged twenty-four,
youngest squadron
leader, reported miss-
ing last month after a
big raid on Berlin, is a
prisoner.

His uncle, Squadron
Leader P. W. Lynch-
Blosse, is one of the
oldest bomber pilots.

Labour Inquiry In F.M.S.

Major Orde-Browne,
Colonial Office Labour
Adviser, at present in
Mauritius, will afterwards
go to Malaya in connec-
tion with the enquiry into
the recent labour unrest.

When questioned in the Com-
mons yesterday whether the Mala-
yan Government's report was yet
available, the Under-Secretary for
the Colonies, Mr. Hall, stated the
Colonial Secretary was consult-
ing the High Commissioner with a
view to securing an early inves-
tigation and conciliation in cases
of Malayan labour unrest.

The Rev. Sorenson asked whe-
ther the enquiry would be com-
prehensive, covering the politi-
cal, economic and other aspects.
Mr. Hall said it would be for
the High Commissioner to decide
the scope of the enquiry.—Reu-
ter.

TRADE WITH U.S.

QUESTIONED IN THE COM-
MONS YESTERDAY ABOUT
THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE
WITH THE UNITED STATES
AND SOUTH AMERICA FOR
COLONIAL PRODUCTS, THE
UNDER-SECRETARY FOR THE
COLONIES, MR. HALL, SAID
COLONIAL EXPORTS TO
AMERICA, ESPECIALLY THE
UNITED STATES, WERE EN-
COURAGED BY ALL PRACTIC-
ABLE MEANS.

The possibility of increased ex-
ports of a number of commodities
had already been discussed with
the United States authorities, and
a Colonial Office official was re-
cently sent to Washington specially
to continue the discussions.—Reu-
ter.

BRITAIN STILL HAS QUIET NIGHTS

AN ENEMY BOMBER WAS
DESTROYED ON TUESDAY
NIGHT IN RAIDS ON BRITAIN,
SAYS AN AIR MINISTRY COM-
MUNIQUE LAST NIGHT.
A very small number of enemy
aircraft flew over coastal areas in
the south-west yesterday after-
noon. Up to 6 p.m. no reports
were received of any bombs hav-
ing been dropped.—Reuter.

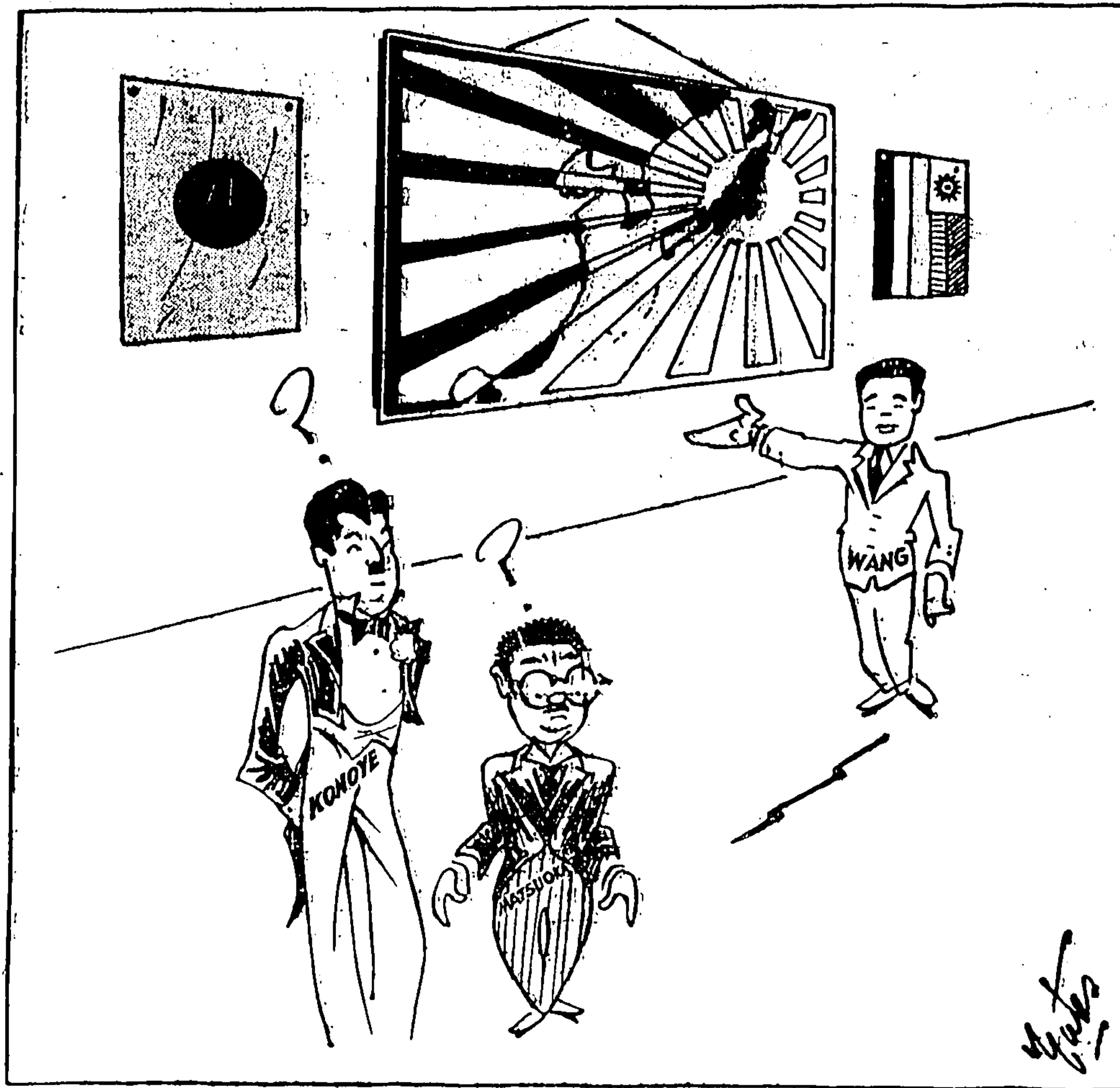
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STATUS QUO

When all the signs point to an early intensification of the world crisis with, possibly, a vast extension of the field of conflict, it is of interest to examine the arguments of those who justify an attitude of non-resistance to aggressors on the basis of a lofty contempt for the status quo. Britain, they say, is fighting to maintain the status quo; United States aid to Britain assists her in that fell task. These cranks employ the expression accusingly, as if, for example, the existence of Holland as a democratic, capitalistic state were necessarily an evil, because Herr Hitler found the little country lying athwart his path to empire; as if, since the phrase, "Whatever is, is right," is admittedly fallacious, the opposite must be true.

But aside from this trick of logic, which is probably only the usual result of over-simplification of terms in debate, there is a more serious objection to the facile use of status quo as a reproach. This is the underlying assumption that the democratic powers, the "have" powers, seek to freeze the present state of mankind, the bounds of its habitation and its way of life. Any such assumption is false. Within each democratic organism there are conservative and radical tendencies, maintaining a tension that is often costly, to be sure, but always fruitful of change. By this process the British dominions have evolved from the status of portions of an empire to partners in a commonwealth. By this process the United States is encouraging the growth of a new nation in the Far East—the Commonwealth of the Philippines. Through all the territories of the great free States the evolution of the principle of government by consent of the governed has been under way—and it was accelerated during that very post-Versailles period when the democracies are accused of sitting on the lid of a bubbling status quo.

To be sure, these developments had no direct effect on the "have-not" nations, but the fact that the "haves" were steadily divesting themselves of the power to exploit their possessions is a measure of the necessity—which Germany, Italy and Japan insist upon—of world.



WANTED: A LITTLE MORE PLACE IN A LITTLE LESS SUN.

London Defies The Fury: I

London is the first city in the world to have suffered for six months the weight of German air attacks and to be still breathing, eating, working and producing.

The capital of the United Kingdom and the British Commonwealth has become the chief target of the German air force because it is the centre of resistance of the English speaking countries. It is the symbol of everything that links the British Commonwealth of Nations together.

It is the strong and regularly beating heart of a nation fighting with all its power against subjugation by totalitarian conquerors.

The silent courage of Londoners who have taken and are still taking so much upon themselves without grumble or complaint has often been noted by this neutral reporter. Many observers have asked themselves about the real background of this almost inconceivable will to hold out.

The fact that England is to-day, not merely resisting, but hitting back and more certain of victory than ever, is considered by the

such forcibly held territories in a world where law and a fair opportunity to trade abroad prevail. By upsetting that law and denying that opportunity the totalitarian powers have, indeed, upset a world order—but it was not a static order; not an order of forcible repression such as is now in the making in Europe and Asia.

Should this new order prevail, the real evils of a status quo maintained by force, with no outlet for protest, no instrument of change save the sword, will be visited on the

By
Gottfried J. Keller

London Correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten."

Englishman to be only what he expected.

The average Briton is surprised that neutral observers perpetually wonder at his ability to take such punishment.

During the last six months Londoners have certainly provided final proof that England is not—as the propaganda of her enemies has asserted again and again—an overfed, decrepit, weakened nation.

As a reporter I have been living in London and its immediate vicinity during the blitz. I have watched life in the shelters—have taken refuge in them.

I have seen the damage in West South, East and North, as well as at the docks. I have journeyed along the South Coast. I have talked to innumerable victims who have lost their homes. To-day, more than ever I am firmly convinced that war in the air alone can never succeed in breaking the British will of resistance.

Only a successful occupation of England by a gigantic hostile army could subjugate this people even temporarily, and waiting for this invasion attempt are, as Mr. Churchill has said, not only the Government but also the fish in the channel.

As is generally admitted, English propaganda is poor, while that of her enemies is not. During the last weeks, however, enemy broadcasts have indulged in descriptions of conditions in London which have made Londoners happy with laughter. In these radio reports wish is father to the thought.

The Londoner was given the opportunity to hear that he was

without light, without water, without gas, without electricity, that the postal services were no longer functioning, the telephone was cut off, whole streets could no longer be used, the railways were completely disorganised, the food shops had no goods to sell, and more stuff of this kind.

In my daily cables I have tried to correct this impression and to describe from day to day conditions as they really are.

The purpose of these articles is to give the neutral reader a picture of life in London to-day, after six months of blitzkrieg from the air—without embellishment or propaganda, without adding to or subtracting from the facts.

Dealing first with communications, in a few cases these have been slowed down, in a few others interrupted for a short time, but in no case have they been stopped entirely. Here and there, when a station or a line had been hit, delays were overcome in an astonishingly short time.

At the beginning of the blitz the mail was often delayed; but this defect, too, has long since been overcome.

As far as the telephone is concerned, for a time the rule was that no unofficial calls whatever should be made during air attacks or alerts. This rule has now been revised. The telephone authorities have become more accommodating and the calls continue, alarm or no alarm.

It has happened that here and there one of the many London exchanges has been affected by the blitz, but in most cases the damage was repaired and normal service resumed within one or two days.

As ever, the famous red buses drive in unbelievable numbers through the streets of London; now their number has even been increased by additional buses from the Provinces. Where a street has been blocked or its passage made unsafe by a time bomb, the street running parallel with it is used.

Bus traffic has not suffered; lately it has even been improved by the introduction of express routes.

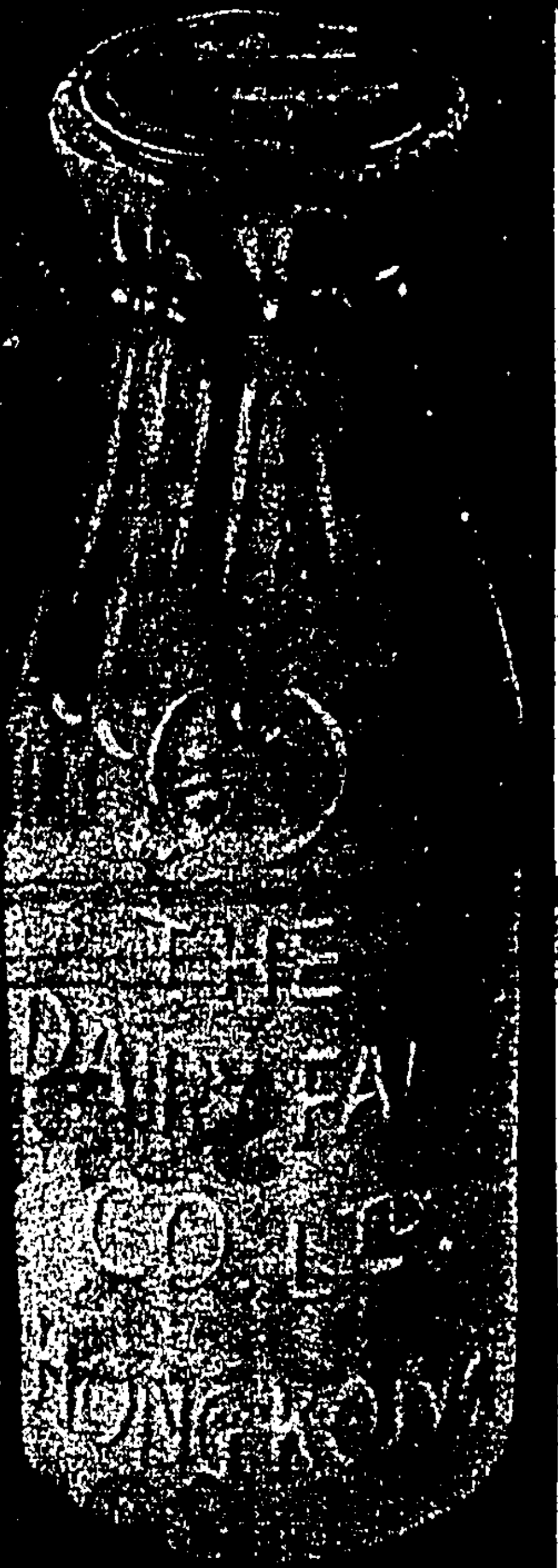
The undergrounds also are functioning day in, day out.

(These despatches appeared in the Swiss newspaper "Basler Nachrichten").

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JAPAN'S HOLD ON HAINAN IS NOT COMPLETE

"OCCUPATION" OF Hainan island, China's largest insular possession south of Kwangtung province, does not mean that, writes Vaughn Meisling, Hong Kong correspondent of the Associated Press.

It is true the Japanese landed in February 1939, and gradually took possession of ports and coast line, beginning with the capital, Kiungchow. It is also true they are still there — but never very far from the sapphire waters of the China Sea and the Gulf of Tongking.

The vast interior of this rich tropical domain, which is larger than Belgium, is still Chinese with an organised government and a well-equipped guerilla army to harass the invaders 24 hours a day. No amount of "mopping up" by the Japanese will more than dent the armour of the dauntless islanders.

You can't conquer four million foes entrenched in thick jungles and rugged mountains.

Brings Fresh Reports

You can strafe—and the Japanese do occasionally when they have been crossed a little too outrageously—with bombers or with raids on villages on the narrow coastal plain. But large-scale offensives against the guerillas seldom take place.

Feng Wei-hsien, Hainan island member of the People's Political Council of Kwangtung province, has brought fresh reports on the general conditions to the mainland. He says the principal Chinese forces are intact in the interior, under the command of General Wang I, while General Wu Tao-nan heads the political administration and controls the militia.

The hide-and-seek of guerilla fighting has been carried on for the last two years, and the alien intruders are getting bogged, if anything.

True, the Japanese have lately made practical use of various coastal sites on Hainan island in preparation for their much-trumpeted southward movement. They have built naval stations and fortresses, they have established gasoline depots and air fields along the foam-swept littoral. It is reported that upwards of 50,000 Japanese soldiers are now undergoing training there, to get used to tropical fighting conditions. And malaria, if possible.

Survives Ravages

But as for controlling the island, it just isn't in the cards. Hainan has survived two years of ravages, including (according to the official Chinese Central News agency) the massacre of 100,000 civilians and the destruction of an even larger number of homes, and come out on top.

The local government is now said to be on an efficient wartime basis—the male population generally are given a rigorous military training, the

women taught to do auxiliary war service.

Food production and distribution are controlled, and soldiers are put to the plough or employed on reclamation projects when they can be spared. Organised refugee relief work is reported to be in full swing.

It looks as though the Hainan islanders, while eluding the blessings of "co-prosperity" in Japan, are not doing too badly behind their protecting palm-fronds and lianas.

REYNAUD BACK IN PRISON

Paul Reynaud, former Premier of France, was taken back to prison shortly after he had been released on the prospect of being kept in forced residence at his home, southern France. No reason for this action was announced.

The second Premier of wartime France, Reynaud has been in custody since German occupation of France. He became Premier March 21, 1940, succeeding Edouard Daladier, and served until Marshal Henri Petain became conquered France's leader June 16.

RACED TO WIN RACE: FINED £1

Gordon Richards, the jockey, was fined £1 at Lincoln for exceeding the speed limit in his car at North Hykeham, and his motor licence was endorsed. His speed was given at 45 m.p.h. The offence was committed on Lincolnshire Handicap day when Gordon arrived at the course in time to ride Snapdragon, 10-1 winner of the first race.

POLES BUY OWN GOOD AT (NAZI) PROFIT

HERMANN GOERING, whose personal fortune was already big enough to enable him to plant £1,500,000 abroad without feeling the pinch, is now busy feathering his nest in Poland.

His industrial combine, Hermann Goering Werke, has taken over nearly all the main collieries of Upper Silesia.

One of his new board of German directors is Dr. Ebeling, formerly a director of the Polish "Pless concern," who was prosecuted for fraud and fled from Poland to avoid arrest.

Nazi "trustees" have now taken over most of the large estates, and commercial enterprises in Poland. The right to own property of any kind has been abolished for the Polish population.

The law is simple. Whatever a Pole possesses, down to the very necessities of life, is held on sufferance, and can be taken from him "if German interests require it."

The German agricultural depot in Cracow recently bought a quantity of seed from

LION AT BALL

A caged lion roared greetings to arriving guests at a Rule Britannia ball at Palm Beach, Florida, in aid of Bundles for Britain and the British War Relief Society. Women wore red, white and blue frocks. —Reuter.

"EASTER EGG" OF £400

Eight members of the Forces, travelling North by train recently, each received surprise Easter "eggs" it was revealed in the "Sunday Chronicle."

Four of the men are in the R.A.F. and the other four in the Army.

A fellow-passenger in the train — Mr. Lewis Walcott, a retired London stockbroker — handed to each of them a sealed envelope, and asked the men not to open them until he had left the train.

When they opened the envelopes each found £50 in notes. Asked later the motive for this amazing burst of generosity, Mr. Walcott said it was an Easter thank offering for the escape of himself and his family in the last raid on Coventry.

It was his personal recognition of what the boys in the Force were doing.

One of the men, an aircraftman, who has a wife and two children, said that the giver "must be a great fellow."

The money would enable his wife and family to have the best Easter they ever had.

BELGIANS IN OUR NAVY

A special section of the Royal Navy for Belgian personnel has been formed. It will be known as the Royal Navy (Section Belge).

Polish merchants who had been forced to reveal their stocks. They told it back compulsorily on the same day to the same merchants at a considerably higher price.

In East Poland the Germans are known to be speeding up the building of fortifications, underground hangars, and airfields on the Russian border.

"SEND PRISONERS CLOTHES"

"Supply British prisoners of war in Germany with blankets and warm clothing before next winter sets in."

Three M.P.s are to make that request to the War Minister.

It is suggested that the Red Cross should dispatch clothing to all men in Germany by July at latest.

GEN. WAVELL'S NEW DESERT OFFENSIVE

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

YESTERDAY 126 YEARS AGO, THE BRITISH WON THE DECISIVE VICTORY OF WATERLOO, WHICH VICTORY BROUGHT TO HIS KNEES A DICTATOR WHO HAD LORDED IT OVER EUROPE FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS.

Battles in those days only lasted one day; now they take several before the final decision is reached.

Battles of an offensive character are again being fought to save Europe and the world from other dictators whose tyranny is far more brutal and cruel than that of Napoleon.

In my last despatch it was indicated that an offensive in Libya might be undertaken by the British and not by the Germans, and so it has turned out, for on Sunday morning General Wavell launched an attack of some magnitude on the German front in Libya and heavy fighting is still going on round Sollum and Halfaya Pass.

It is satisfactory to find that the British forces are now strong enough in the Middle East to justify General Wavell in making this attack, while he has other forces engaged in a second campaign in Syria.

Details have not yet come to hand to enable us fully to picture the battle which is now going on off Sollum, but one or two salient points can be perceived.

Heavy Attack

It is evident that our attack is heavy enough to have obliged the Germans to rush reserves. It appears the British are tactically making use of fairly wide turning movements and that the R.A.F. is giving ample support not only in attacking bases, airfields and the enemy's lines of communications but also on the actual battlefield.

The enemy seems to fear that this is the first step in a serious and sustained attack but we must wait and see. It may only be a local offensive aiming at the capture of Halfaya Pass.

In Syria, the British progress against Beirut and Damascus has been slow owing more to political considerations than to any military weakness of the British.

Superior Strength

We do not wish to throw our superior strength ruthlessly and violently onto so many French soldiers who are truly our allies and whose own countrymen are marching with us.

There will be much less bitterness among Frenchmen in Syria when General Catroux has established an anti-Vichy and anti-Nazi Government there.

NEVERTHELESS IT IS IMPORTANT THAT GENERAL WAVELL HAS STARTED AN OFFENSIVE IN LIBYA NOT TO WASTE TIME NOR TO ALLOW TOO MANY BRITISH MILITARY RESERVES TO BE LOCKED UP IN SYRIA.

With this object in view it is conceivable that the subsidiary advance from Iraq, which is moving in two columns along the Valley of the Euphrates, was ordered.

Drive On Aleppo

These columns are apparently meeting with little opposition, possibly because the enemy troops are engaged in the south trying to delay the British advance on Beirut and Damascus.

Full advantage should be taken of this fact.

The capture of Aleppo, in the rear of the Vichy forces, might bring about an immediate cessation of hostilities.

It can be noted with satisfaction that the close cooperation of the British Navy and Air Force is being fully applied in all these operations.—Reuter.

ENEMY SHIPPING LOSSES

An authorised review of enemy shipping losses during the week ending June 15, says that over 40 separate and successful attacks were made by our sea and air forces and at least 28 ships were severely damaged, 14 of which are known to be total losses.

In addition, pilots who raided Benghazi harbour on six nights and one day report that seaplanes and merchant ships were sunk there during previous raids.

After mentioning the successful attack on one of the two remaining German pocket battleships, the review says six supply ships and a trawler, destined to be available for the Bismarck and Prince Eugen, were sunk.

Submarines in the Mediterranean accounted for an 8,000-ton tanker, an Italian armed cruiser with two schooners she was escorting, an Italian armed merchant cruiser in Benghazi harbour and two schooners in Mytilene harbour.—Reuter.

U.S. OIL FOR BRITAIN

A new arrangement, giving U.S. refineries an opportunity to supply at least 50 per cent. of petroleum products purchased for Great Britain under American contracts, was announced by Mr. Harold Ickes, the Petroleum Coordinator, in Washington last night.

The action follows the appeal by producers in the United States who said that virtually all such American contractors were being supplied from wells in Venezuela.

Mr. Ickes also announced that three huge tankers at present serving California will be transferred to serve the Atlantic seaboard from the Gulf of Mexico. They will deliver an additional 210 million gallons of petrol a year because of the shorter voyage.—Reuter.

PATS' 'OFFERING' WAS FIGHT FOR PRIEST

Taking the collection in a New York church, a sidesman was surprised to see Patrick Gunn drop a note instead of a shilling in the plate.

At the altar an astounded priest found the note a challenge to a fight.

To the police Pat said that the priest had failed to get him a promised job, and "as I had heard he was handy with his hands, I thought it a good way to settle the matter."

BRITAIN CLOSES DOWN ON PETSAMO

The Ministry of Economic Warfare announces that the British Government has informed the Government of Finland that from June 14 no further sea traffic would be allowed into the Arctic port of Petsamo.

Last autumn the Finnish Government granted the Germans the right of transit of troops across Finland to and from Norway.

Although this was regarded as a grave breach of neutrality the British Government, desiring to encourage the Finns to try and maintain their independence, agreed to permit the resumption of sea traffic to and from Petsamo subject to suitable arrangements to prevent any imports reaching the enemy.

Early this month it became obvious that German troops were entering Finland in such large numbers as to make it tolerably clear that they were taking up permanent positions in Finland and were not in transit to Norway.

Accordingly Britain is no longer able to regard Finland as capable of complying with the terms agreed upon last autumn.

No navicerts will for the time being be granted ships proposing to sail to Finland and already three Finnish vessels on their way to Petsamo have been intercepted and detained.—British Wireless.

STALIN ATTENDS COMEDY

The presence of Stalin, Molotov and other members of the Soviet Government at a performance on Sunday of a modern comedy called "On the Steppes of the Ukraine," was mentioned in the Soviet press yesterday.

The fact is alluded to in prominent notices of the season of a Ukrainian theatre company from Kiev now being held in Moscow.—Reuter.



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South, Dealer

Both sides vulnerable

NORTH

♠ 6 5 3

♥ 8 4

♦ J 8 7

♣ Q 8 7 4 2

WEST

♠ J 9 4 2

♥ 10 6 3 2

♦ Q 9 3

♣ 10 9

EAST

♠ 8

♥ 8

♦ K 10 6 5 4 2

♣ K J 6 5 3

SOUTH

♠ A K Q 10 7

♥ A K Q J 7 5

♦ A

♣ A

The bidding:

South West North East
7♥ Pass Pass Pass

West led the ten of clubs, and South won with the Ace. Barring five trumps in one hand, only a bad spade break could defeat the hand. South's plan, therefore, was to provide as well as he could against a bad spade break—there was no help for

it if trumps broke badly.

Accordingly, South laid down the Ace of hearts at the second trick and next took the Ace and King of spades. There was no risk in the spade leads if that suit happened to break 3-2; for both opponents would follow suit and then South would draw the rest of the trumps.

As it turned out, however, the spades did break badly; but the fortunate trump break saved South. East couldn't ruff the King of spades since his only trump had been drawn and South, recognising the situation, cashed the Queen of spades, ruffed a spade in dummy, and returned to his hand with the diamond Ace to draw the rest of the trumps. Then the last two spades could be cashed.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A 10 6 5

♥ 9 4

♦ K 8 4 2

♣ J 7 4

The bidding:

Jacoby Schenken You Maler
1♥ Pass 1♠ (?)

ANSWER: Bid one spade. There cannot be a good reason for suppressing the four-card major suit.

Score 100% for one spade, 20% for one no-trump.

Question No. 746

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby Schenken You Maler
1♥ Pass 1♠ (?)
2♦ Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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SHOT WHILE P.C. 'PHONED

A policeman approached Private Purvis in New Road, Cambridge, to question him; and took him to a police call box. While the officer was telephoning a revolver shot was fired and Purvis is now in hospital in a serious condition.

U. S. ENVOY'S WIFE IN LONDON

Mrs. John G. Winant, wife of the United States Ambassador to Britain, who has just arrived, is making her London home in a furnished third-floor flat in Grosvenor-square, adjoining the American Embassy.

On the mantelpiece of the drawing-room there are two photographs, one of her 15-year-old son, Rivington, Russell, and the other of her daughter, Mrs. Constance de Valerio.

Her elder son, John Gilbert, has promised to send his picture to put with the others.

Mrs. Winant in a gentle, graceful, retiring woman, who likes country life and hopes to buy a country home here for leisure moments.

"But for the present," she said to a reporter, "this is our home; and I was anxious from the start to make this room look as if it were really lived in, and was personal to us."

24 Pairs Of Stockings

In her luggage Mrs. Winant brought two dozen pairs of silk stockings. "I hope you don't think that was too many, but I'm rather hard on stockings," she said.

"I am sure I can buy everything I want over here in London," she went on, "and if there is anything I can't get, well, I shall just have to do without, like the rest of you. Cosmetics seem about the hardest thing to buy, but that won't worry me much."

In the train bringing her to London Mr. Winant told his wife to throw herself flat if she heard the whine of a bomb.

"I practised a bit this morning," she said. "And I think we should all carry our gas masks."

Her First Siren

"I heard my first air-raid siren shortly after I landed yesterday, and was preparing to continue my journey to London. Why, the people just went on as if nothing whatever was happening!"

"I suppose I shall get that way about it soon."

"I am most anxious to know if we are sending the right things to you from America in our 'Bundles for Britain,'" she added. "I shall send a direct report to the 30 or 40 organisations engaged in that kind of work."

Mrs. Winant wore a simple woollen frock of mulberry purple, set off by a long rope of pearls and a diamond and emerald clasp to match the one in her bobbed hair.

She has been in England twice before. Her children will remain in America, where her two sons are shortly to start learning to fly.

A widely read woman, she has unpacked some of the books she has brought with her, including a copy of Mr. Churchill's collected speeches.

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NORTH POINT

Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN British Fashions And Fabrics

Probably no collection of fashion clothes has ever before been designed under such strange and strenuous conditions as the dresses which are included in the show of gowns from London to be shown in Buenos Aires and Rio, San Pao and Monte Video.

Its history goes back to last year, soon after France fell.

There were some who thought that the end of all high-class dressmaking had come. Even dress designers with international reputations and branch houses in London were dubious about the future of the dress industry in London.

They had always relied on France for the materials with which to express their best ideas. Was it possible, they wondered, to find British manufacturers able and willing to cooperate in producing the right kind of fashion fabrics.

The manufacturers said, in effect, "only tell us and we'll supply it."

Meantime His Majesty's Government had decided that the time had come to recognise the importance of the fashion trade as a national industry. With the backing of the Government a committee was set up to act as a liaison between the designers who had been asked to work on the collection, and the expert groups through whom all materials were to be supplied.

It was the first time that the nine model houses, Norman Hartnell, the Queen's dressmaker, Capt. Edward Molyneux, whose models are known all over the world, Peter Russell, Worth, Paquin, Victor Stiebel, Digby Morton, Creed, who came to London when Paris fell, and La Chasse, had worked for one collection.

Then wartime difficulties came along to slow down progress.



The gay young blade says if it weren't for the brass buttons on the uniform, army life would be completely minus sparkle.

No sooner had the first samples of materials been submitted to the designers than time bombs necessitated a hasty exit from headquarters. The samples had to be left to any fate that might overtake them for ten days.

High explosive bombs led to further delay. Samples rescued from debris in new quarters were taken to another home.

By this time the bombing of London was at its height.

Designers met, materials were chosen to the accompaniment of wailing sirens, the roar of bombers overhead, the noises of exploding bombs. And finally it was found that many of the fabrics chosen had been destroyed in the interval by enemy action.

By Corisande

Inevitably this involved further delays, the choosing of other fabrics. Interviews between dressmakers and manufacturers were held in strange places and at odd times.

The fashions and fabrics in this collection were born in beauty parlours, railway station waiting rooms, public-houses, cellars and restaurants, among other unlikely places. Shoes, gloves, handbags, belts, hats, were discussed under equally difficult conditions. The results you can judge for yourselves.

Tweeds and fine wools, rayons, the beauty of which we are only now learning fully to appreciate, satins, jerseys, linens and cottons are being shown.

In Great Britain we've always been rather proud of our tweeds and woollen materials; of our reputation as specialists in slick, clean-cut tailored suits.

These new wartime materials are better, from a fashion standpoint anyhow, than any yet produced, and equal, the designers themselves admit, to any that came from France. They are the result of repeated experiments. New feather-weight tweeds are made from fine quality yarns in soft pastel shades, as well as in brighter colour mixtures. Some are as fine and light as wool crepes, and are, in fact intended for use as dress fabrics.

Women in the Shetland Islands have produced tweed soft as cashmere. The men formerly employed in the industry are in trawlers, in mine sweepers, or engaged in other hazardous wartime service.

Next to tweeds come the flannels, in high favour this year—soft to the touch, cool to wear. Both are used for suits with slim fitting or pleated skirts, with coats that fit snugly round the hips, or hang loose and straight from the shoulder. There's plenty of variety and plenty of colour. If not in the material itself, then introduced in the form of a shirt or sweater in a contrasting colour. Green, yellow, and red are blended in one material used for a suit; again a violet wool is shown with an orchid-coloured

blouse, matching gloves, and buttonhole. This particular model is a good example of the care given to accessories. The buttons on the coat are in the form of watches, the belt a curb watch chain, with a watch replacing a buckle. Blue flannel is used for a blazer coat with a striped dress. A loose white flannel coat with squared shoulders, soft revers of beaver fur, and box lid pockets can be worn with anything you please.

Cotton comes high on the list of fashion fabrics. Experts have given special attention to the design, texture and colouring of cotton materials. You meet them as evening gowns, brightly printed, as smart tailored suits with wide revers of washing grosgrain, as snappy afternoon dresses, as garden frocks, or as a smartly sophisticated beach outfit.

It's interesting to hear that well-known artists, Vanessa Bell, Duncan Grant, and John Armstrong—close personal friend of Charles Laughton for whom he has designed many sets—with others equally gifted, may soon be cooperating to produce patterns and colours for cotton fashion materials.

The tailored cotton suits were among the models which Her Majesty the Queen specially admired when she inspected some of the models in this collection at Buckingham Palace before they left for South America.

Daytime dresses, with one or two exceptions, follow trim straight lines.

Evening gowns show wider differences in style.

There's a Spanish flavour about an evening dress of white spotted muslin with two black lace flounces on its wide spreading skirt, and its black lace cape, the hood of which is caught with a flower above the forehead.

Lace is used for slim, clinging gowns with ground length skirts. Frequently it is the background for embroidery in jewel-coloured crystals at the neck, on long sleeves, sometimes on the bodice and skirt.

Simple elegance is illustrated in every line of a bright red rayon dress. The coat is loose and knee length. It is worn with a gold turban and a specially designed gold necklet.

Net, sprinkled with sequins, rich duchess satin, rayon patterned in pastel shades, velveteen—our most successful cotton material—used in black for a jewel embroidered evening cloak, with gloves similarly decorated, are other fabrics the designers have used for evening dress purposes.

On the whole I think South Americans will agree with me that the collection is a representative one. British designers, probably more than any others in the world, are forced to design clothes for people of a wide variety of interests and viewpoints. Their skill in doing this is well demonstrated in the models they have created for this collection.

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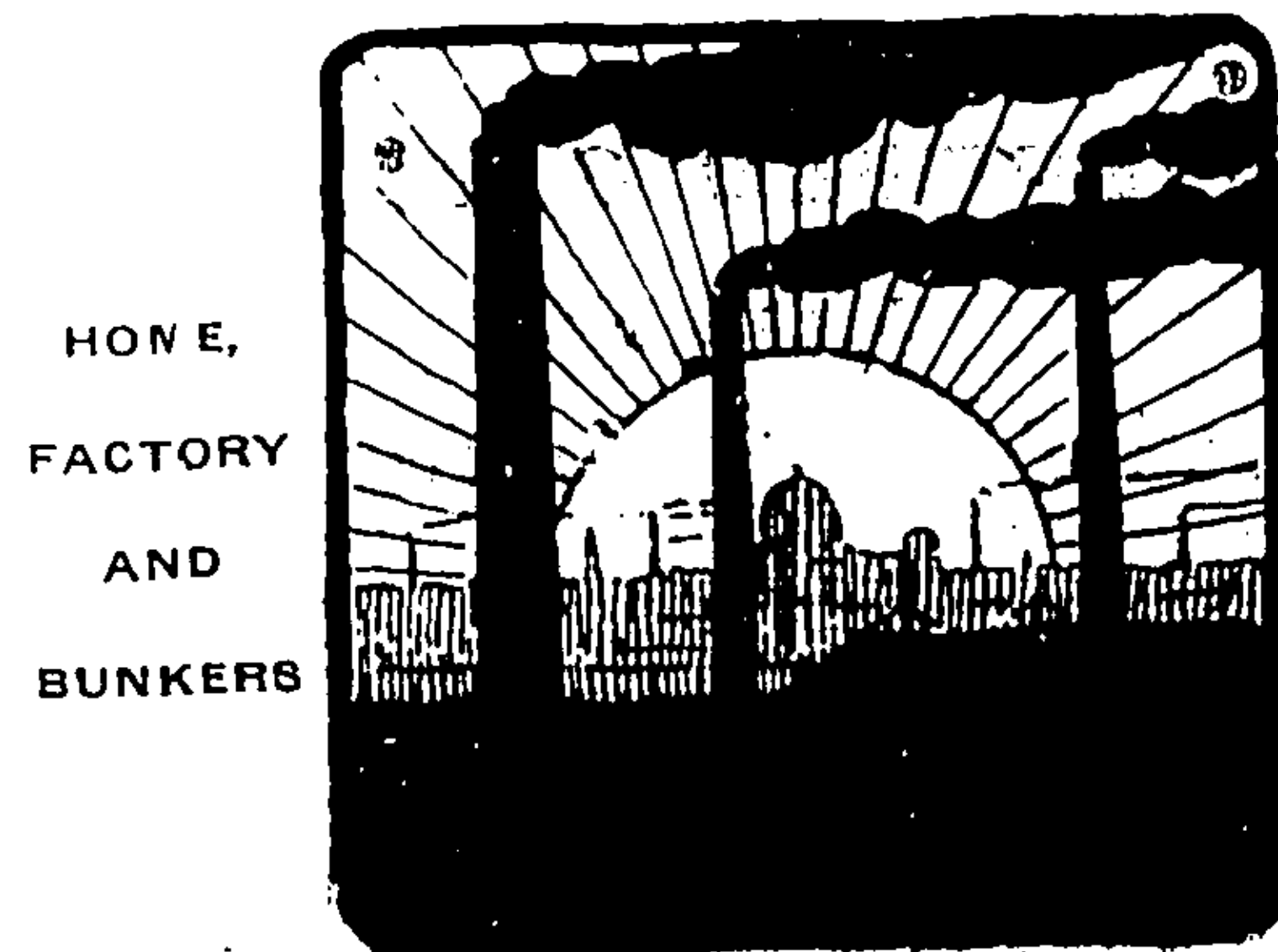
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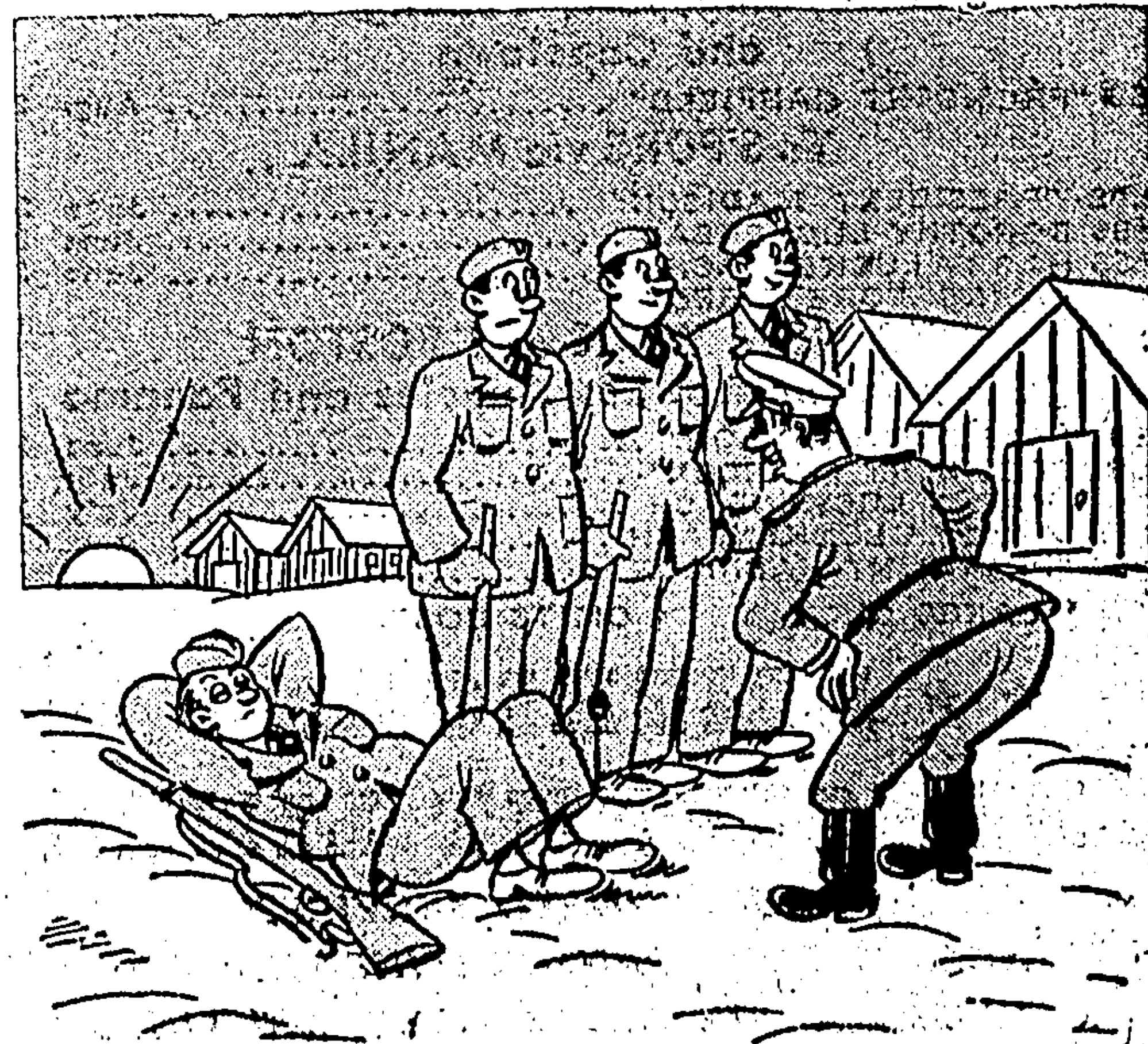
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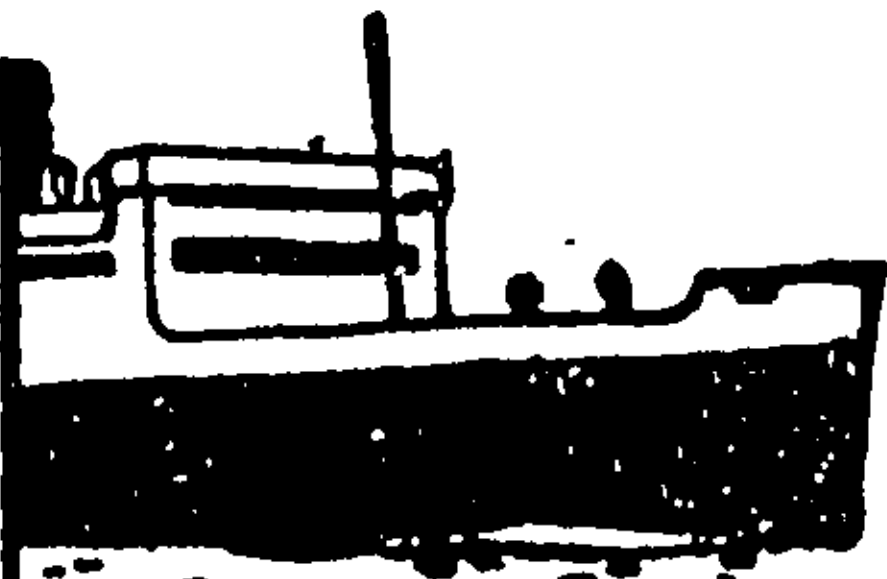
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12.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance".
"Overture".... Light Opera Orchestra.
What Shall I Do?.... Derek Oldham.
Climbing Over Rocky Mountain.... Nellie Brierecliffe, Nellie Walker & Chorus of Girls. Stop, Ladies, Pray.... Nellie Brierecliffe & Nellie Walker.
Derek Oldham & Chorus of Girls. Oh! Is There Not One Maiden Breast.... Derek Oldham.
Elsie Griffin & Chorus of Girls. Now For The Pirates' Lair: When You Had Left Our Pirate Fold.... Derek Oldham, Peter Dawson & Dorothy Gill.
Away! My Heart's On Fire.... Dorothy Gill.
Derek Oldham & Peter Dawson. All Is Prepared: Stay, Fredric, Stay.... Elsie Griffin & Derek Oldham.
Now What Is This, and What Is That?.... George Baker, Derek Oldham, Elsie Griffin & Full Chorus.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano.
Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. R. 23—Intro: A Star Fell Out of Heaven; Serenade in the Night; A Fine Romance; No Regrets; When the Poppies Bloom Again; This'll Make you Whistle.
Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. D. 30—Intro: Don't worry 'bout me; Our love; And the angels sing; Especially for you; Angels never leave Heaven; Goodnight, my darling, goodnight.

1.15 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections.
Hawaiian Paradise (Owens); Sweet Hawaiian Maid (Johnson); Andy Iona & his Islanders with Vocal Chorus. Oua, Oua; Tomi, Tomi.... Kanui & Lala (Hawaiian Novelty).
Sundown in Old Waikiki (Carlton & Ritz); George Elliott's Hawaiian Novelty Quartet with Vocal Chorus.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Elsie and Doris Waters in Variety.
Comedienne—Gert, Daisy, A Piano—And How!.... Elsie & Doris Waters.
Cinema Organ—Dance Time—The Fox-Trot: Gran'ma said; I miss you in the morning; The Waltz: I shall remember you smiling; Where the Shannon flows down to the sea.... Reginald Dixon, Vocal Duets—The Ferry Boat Serenade (Adamson—Di Lazzaro); Only For Ever (film "Rhythm on the River").... Al Bowly and Jimmy Mesene with Two Guitars. Instr.—Sweet Sue, Just You (Harris & Young); Poor Butterfly (Golden & Hubbell).... The Dixie Devils with Vocal Chorus.
Comedienne—The Tale of a Hat.... Elsie & Doris Waters with Piano.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—The Symphony Orchestra and Nancy Evans (Soprano).

"Ruy Blas"—Overture (Mendelssohn).
Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent The Sunshine of Your Smile (Cooke-Ray).... Nancy Evans (Sop.) with Orchestra.
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"The Planets"—No. 4: Jupiter (The Bringer of Jollity) (Holst).... Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates.

7.20 p.m.—Grieg—Sonata in C Minor, Op. 46.

1st Mov: Allegro molto ed appassionato; 2nd Mov: Allegretto espressivo alla Romanza; 3rd Mov: Allegro animato.... Sergel Rachmaninoff (Piano) and Fritz Kreisler (Violin).

7.48 p.m.—Grieg Songs.

Solveig's Song from "Peer Gynt".... Mavis Bennett (Soprano) with Piano accomp. Un Reve.... Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with Orch.
Et Hab, Op. 28, No. 1.... Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano) with Piano. I Love Thee.... Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

8.30 p.m.—A Military Band Concert.

Orpheus In The Underworld—Overture (Offenbach, arr. Pearce).... The Black Dyke Mills Band. The Whistler and His Dog (Fryer).... Silver Stars Band. Americana (Thurban).... The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards. Three Dale Dances (Wood).... Callenders' Senior Band. Rakoczy March (from "Damnation of Faust") (Berlioz—arr. Godfrey).... The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

9.02 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ. Hits from the Shows—Intro: Crash! Bang! I want to go Home; Comes Love; Let's make Memories tonight; Have you met Miss Jones; F. D. R. Jones; Good-bye Sally; Leslie Stuart Selection—Intro: Soldiers of the King; Tell me pretty maiden; In the shade of the Palm; Little Dolly Daydream; Sweetheart May; Lily of Laguna.

9.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

9.30 p.m.—A Light Orchestra Programme with Vocal Duets by Anne Ziegler and Webster Booth.

Moya, Lovely Moya (O'Brien & Peter); Come to the Ball (from "The Quaker Girl"—Monckton).... Orchestra Louise (Vocalist: Gerald Fitzgerald). Only A Rose (from "The Vagabond King"—Friml); You, Just You (from "Wild Violet").... Anne Ziegler and Webster Booth (Vocal) with Orch. The Whirl of the Waits—Intro.

GRAZIANI'S CAREER ENDED BY BERLIN

GRAZIANI'S DISMISSAL was ordered by Berlin, not Rome. Real Axis C-in-C. in Libya now is Nazi General Karl von Rommee, former commander of Western Front Panzer divisions. He has been ordered at all costs, to prevent Wavell's armies contacting French Tunisia.

Complete Nazi control of Italian war economy is also reflected by top job appointments of German "experts" in all Tripolitania administrative departments. These men are ex-officials of old German colonies.

Behind the rise in Nazi factories accident rate by 60 per cent. is revelation of under-nourishment. Of 2,000,000 accidents last year—10,000 fatal—more than half were the result of vertigo or fainting. German labour chiefs fear workers are being extended almost beyond human endurance limits.

To combat waves of sabotage in occupied countries Nazi psychologists have devised "heart and culture lectures to win co-operation. Experiment begun in Denmark has failed.

Hungary's "equal partnership" hubbly has lately been cynically burst by Goering. He now demands double agreed quota of all produce and 80 per cent. of transport, including horses, mules, and private vehicles; transfer of at least 1,000,000 labourers to Germany, and the diversion of most of Hungary's trade with Italy to the Reich.

Where Hungarian factories employ skilled labour, these have been ordered to manufacture only to German specifications—mainly to replenish Reich losses after R.A.F. attacks.

Wary Of Fascists

Wrangling in high Fascist circles. Fall out due to scramble for "perks" of sacked bosses who had been sent to the Front and have either been killed or captured.

Cousin Pietro Antonini, Edda Ciano's doctor, has ordered her a recuperative voyage to Brazil in the near future. Ciano is expected to follow her to their estates near Rio de Janeiro. Several other Fascist estates in South America are also being made ready for occupation.

Argentina and Brazil are watching the possibilities of the influx of raving Fascists whose fortunes have already preceded them. These countries don't like what they see.

Japan is down £1,000,000,000 to date on the China war. Debt is calculated after balancing conquest gains with cost of winning and maintaining them. Reaction of loss is felt right back in Japanese small towns, where even electricity is strictly rationed.

Pointer to future Japan public support of "New Order" Nazi alliance which Germany is now boosting is reflected by Tokyo newspaper poll exposure that more than 85 per cent. of the population do not know what it is.

Further west China has won two major military successes in the last few weeks, which have thrown Japan back considerably in time, money and casualties.

Destiny Waltz; Naughty Waltz; Valse Vanite; Missouri Waltz.... New Mayfair Orchestra. A Medley of Songs and Duets by Anne Ziegler & Webster Booth—Intro: Untill; Love's Old Sweet Song; I hear you calling Me; Two Little Words; Deep in my Heart, Dear; I'll walk beside You; I give my Heart; I'll see you again.... with Orchestra. Poem (Fibich).... Tom Jones & his Orchestra.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Safe In My Heart; When You Come to the End of a Journey.... The Organ, The Dance Band & Me. Slow Fox-Trot—Careless; Fox-Trot—Seventeen. Candles.... Ambrose & his Orchestra. Swing Fox-Trots—Blue Strings; Keep Goin' Bert Firman's Quintuplets of Swing; Waltz—Little Anne.... Jungherr's Accordion Melodians. Quickstep—Are You Havin' Any Fun? (from "The little dog laughed"); Slow Fox-Trot—Where, or When (from "Babes in Arms").... Ambrose & his Orchestra. Tangos—Pura Milonga; Mal De Ausencia.... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro. Quickstep—Swingin' In the Corn (film "Radio City Revels").... Nat Gonella & his Georgians. Fox-Trot—You've Done Something to My Heart; Slow Fox-Trot—The Drift (both from C. B. Cochran's "Lights Up").... Jack Hytlen & his Orch.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things".

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

A LEADER OF STOUT HEARTS

"The nation has the leader it deserves," declared Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister without Portfolio, in a high tribute to Mr. Churchill.

"The Prime Minister," he said, "is the living embodiment of the grit, courage, endurance, energy and bulldog tenacity of the British people."

"Mr. Churchill is a leader after their own stout hearts. He has unfailing resources of moral stamina, clear vision, courage to face stark realities, strategic foresight and unruffled confidence which are required of the guide and champion of a democratic people stubbornly bent on repelling the gravest menace they have ever been called upon to face."

Members of the Incorporated Association of Architects and Surveyors who were assembled at lunch at Claridge's Hotel applauded this striking tribute from Mr. Greenwood, who went on to emphasise the War Cabinet's unity of purpose.

There was, at any rate, one vice from which it was free, he said, and that was cold feet. It was not going to be satisfied with anything short of complete victory over Hitler and the total destruction of Hitlerism.

R.A.F. HAS 400 M.P.H. 'PLANE

Much attention has been attracted by the disclosure in "The Battle of Britain" of the speed superiority possessed by certain German fighting aeroplanes over the British last autumn.

It is stated in this Air Ministry pamphlet that the Heinkel 113 single-seat fighter was 13 miles an hour faster than the Mark I Spitfire.

The question is now asked whether the Germans still have a speed superiority in any of their standard types of fighting aircraft.

The answer almost certainly is No. The Mark III Spitfire is faster and more powerful than the original Spitfire and the newer Tornado, which has the Rolls-Royce Vulture engine, is capable of about 400 miles an hour.

There is nothing to indicate that the new German aircraft are capable in standard conditions of exceeding this figure, and it is fairly safe to assume that the Royal Air Force will be slightly better off in speed than the German air force this year. This applies not only to fighters, but also to heavy bombers.

CHINA FINANCE CONFERENCE

At the opening of the Third National Financial Conference in Chungking yesterday, Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, called attention to the two important items on the Conference agenda, namely, readjustment and collection of the land tax by the Central Government and reform of the financial system.

These items, said Mr. Lin, were among the most important of resolutions adopted at the recent Plenary Session of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee and were of vital concern to the war of resistance and to national reconstruction.

Reform of the financial system, Mr. Lin said, constituted a fundamental condition of a modern state, for as the Central Government and local governments are one body politic, there must be intimate association between them.

Therefore, in the administration of finance there must be unity, which could only be achieved through the Central Government taking comprehensive measures.

Both measures aim at enriching the country, improving the livelihood of the people and at the same time coping with the demands of the war and of national reconstruction.

How to carry out these measures satisfactorily, Mr. Lin concluded, it was the duty of the delegates to the Conference to discuss and solve.—Central News.

KING AND QUEEN ON TYNESIDE

The King and Queen spent seven hours yesterday touring shipbuilding yards at Tyneside. They saw every type of ship being constructed.

T. U. C. leaders told their Majesties there were no labour troubles of any kind at the yards which were working to utmost capacity.—British Wireless.

LAWSUIT AFTER FRENCH FLIGHT

What counsel described as a "tragic and adventurous story" of a woman's escape from France when that country collapsed, was told to Mr. Justice Cassels in the King's Bench Division.

The claim she made arose out of the loss of her car and personal possessions.

WIFE AND FRIEND SHOT DEAD

Sentence of five years' penal servitude was imposed on Alexander Hill, a corporal of the Military Police, by Lord Patrick at Glasgow High Court for the culpable homicide of his wife and a naval signalman.

Hill pleaded not guilty to a charge of murdering the two by shooting them with a revolver. He entered a special plea of acting under mental stress and not being responsible for his actions.

In returning a verdict on a reduced charge the jury asked for the leniency of the Court.

Evidence was given that Mrs. Hill had been friendly with the signalman, and had asked for a separation from her husband. The signalman had asked his wife for a divorce.

Hill was stated to have admitted to the police that he had shot the couple. He stated that he had gone to his home and found them in the kitchen. When they talked things over his wife told him that she no longer loved him.

"When I saw him take up one of my children I could not stand it any longer," his statement added. "I fired at him first and he fell. I then shot my wife."

She is Mrs. Kate Powell, Wigton Hall, Wigton, Cumberland, and she sued Mr. Walter Joseph Reid, a young married man, described as of the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, for £575 7s. 6d. under an agreement made between them on June 19.

Mr. Reid denied the agreement as pleaded, alleging that certain deletions were made. He contended that, to secure Mrs. Powell against loss of her car, he agreed to hand over to her his M.G. car, which was in England.

He maintained that the only other claim she had was to £15, the agreed value of the goods she abandoned. He denied that she had to abandon the car for her personal safety.

Son's Rescue Attempt

Mr. and Mrs. Powell, it was stated, were in France when war broke out. Last May they were persuaded by their son, who had gone to France to rescue them, to make their way home.

They stayed one night at St. Maxime, and Mr. Powell died in his sleep. Mrs. Powell decided to continue alone, but as the situation was changing rapidly and the Germans were driving towards the coast, decided to go to Lisbon.

At Nimes she met Mr. Reid and his wife with bicycles, standing by her car.

Mr. Reid said he would give anything to get away as he was of military age, and he apprehended that if the Germans got hold of him they would shoot him. He persuaded Mrs. Powell to help them.

According to Mrs. Powell, defendant agreed that, in consideration of Mrs. Powell taking him and his wife to catch the boat at Bordeaux, if one was provided for British refugees, he would be responsible for the loss of her car and any clothes and possessions.

Mrs. Powell agreed to jettison some of her baggage, and to take £15 as compensation for the things left behind. An agreement to this effect was signed by Mr. Reid.

They arrived at Bordeaux on June 20, and were sent by the British consulate officials to Bayonne. Mr. and Mrs. Reid went on to Biarritz, and they agreed to meet again in Bayonne. The next day they went to St. Jean de Luz to get permits for Spain, but they were just an hour too late.

Returning to Bayonne they left in the steamship Queen Wilhelmina, and Mrs. Powell was left alone. She arranged to garage her car, and it was quite impossible to take her luggage on board the boat in which she was to travel. She had to discard everything.

The hearing was adjourned.

OWEN TUDOR WINS WAR DERBY

England's second wartime Derby, run yesterday at Newmarket instead of traditional Epsom Downs, resulted in an outsider winning. Result was:

Mrs. Macdonald Buchanan's Owen Tudor (Nevett) . . . 1
Maharani Sahib of Kholopar's Morogoro (Harry Wragg) . . . 2
Firoze Din (Stephenson) . . . 3
Betting: 25-1, Owen Tudor, 11-2 Morogoro 100-1, Firoze Din.
Won by a length and a half; two lengths.
Time: 2.35.

OAKS STARTERS

Probable starters and jockeys for the New Oaks, to be run tomorrow, are:—Firie (Lowrey), Hilhampton (Richardson), Falence (Arthur Wragg), Precocity (Beary), Commotion (Harry Wragg), Dancing Time (Perryman), Sunny Dear (Cliff Richards), Saratoga (Bridgland), Xausite (Taylor), Turkaha (Evans), Mercy (Ephraim Smith), Chelan (Beasley). Roman Empress has no jockey yet.—Reuter.

BADGE OFF: P.C. ACTED

Because he had no cap badge, Private Harold Henry Parker, of the Royal West Kents, was arrested by Police-Constable Foster at Crayford. At Dartford Parker admitted being an absentee and was handed over to an escort.

SHELTERS UNDER TARGETS

Lord Horder, the King's physician, who spoke at a luncheon at the Overseas Club in London, expressed his concern afterwards at the number of children still left in congested areas in London.

"I visited four East End shelters last night just before the raid began," he said, "and in three of them there were more children than adults."

"I think the question will arise for the Minister of Health whether he may not have to do something more than continue on the voluntary basis of evacuation in certain vulnerable areas."

"The under-fives ought to go away, even if the mothers have to go with them. Some of them, in railway arch shelters, are actually sheltering under military objectives."

Lord Horder said that the Tube shelter population was still about 60,000.

"TALLY-HO" HERO IN THE H.G.

Two V.C.s of the last war are among the 301 new officers of the Home Guard, announced by the War Office. They are:

Brig.-Gen. J. V. Campbell, the "Tally-Ho V.C.," who gained the award in 1916 for rallying the Coldstream Guards by sounding the hunting horn he had used as master of the Tanat-side Hunt; Capt. R. L. Haine, who was awarded the distinction in 1917 for leading six bombing attacks against the enemy and recapturing a strong point.

The list also includes: Adml. Sir H. J. Studholme-Brownrigg, Commander-in-Chief at the Nore in 1939; Adml. Sir Hugh Tweedie, ret.; Sir Charles H. Bressley, engineer in charge of the highways development survey of Greater London, who produced, with Sir Edwin Lutyens, the plan for the reconstruction of London's roadways; the Marquess of Anglesey, Viscount de Vesel, Lord Howard de Walden and Lord Roundway.

No fewer than 267 of the new officers have military or naval titles.

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Cost of a typical static four-gun anti-aircraft site in the London area is approximately £20,000, the Secretary for War informed Sir Waldron Smithers.

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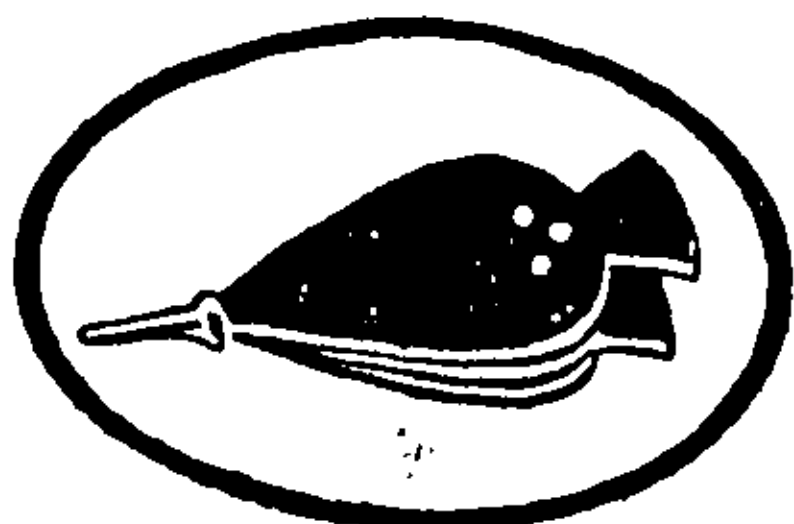
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CHINESE 'Y' TO STAGE COLONY BASKETBALL LEAGUE NEXT MONTH

By "Sportshawk"

A NEW BASKETBALL LEAGUE, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF CHINESE Y.M.C.A. AND SCHEDULED TO START IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH, HAS SO FAR ATTRACTED AT LEAST ONE NON-CHINESE TEAM, VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB, AND IT IS EXPECTED U.S.S. MINDANAO WILL ALSO ENTER A TEAM.

The competition will be known as "The All-Colony Basketball League" and will be played on the open court of Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. on which the present Inter-School Basketball League is staged.

RECREIO TOO GOOD FOR "Y"

Club de Recreio were hosts to European Y.M.C.A. yesterday evening in a friendly return encounter of billiards and snooker and won by five games to one.

The closest match was between Soares and C. T. Eager in billiards. Soares made a break of 53, which was the second highest break of the evening.

A. J. Osmund scored 66, the highest break, in his billiards match against C. Terran, who had a break of 45.

L. Sykes had the distinction of scoring the highest break at snooker—19.

Snooker—J. C. Remedios 56 H. Jackson 63; J. E. Noronha 55 E. H. de Cosler 44; A. P. Pereira 142 L. Sykes 56. Billiards—E. M. Soares 150 C. T. Eager 147; R. F. Luz 150 W. H. Ingleby 92; A. J. Osmund 208 C. Terran 70.

BILLIARDS TOURNEY PLANNED

Mr. I. T. Yung, proprietor of the Central and Public billiards saloons, China Building, intends to run a tournament in the early autumn and feels confident there will be sufficient entries to ensure its success.

There are five tables at the Central and six at the Public saloons respectively, and, according to the management, it is not uncommon to see breaks of 100 at these establishments.

Mr. Yung has been in this particular line of business for over 10 years and he is amazed at the rapid strides made by the Chinese at billiards.

Rain washed out the baseball game yesterday between the Hong Kong Baseball Club and U.S.S. Mindanao and all "C" Division League Tennis matches.

Two world records were broken yesterday in Los Angeles. Les Steers cleared 8 ft. 11 in. in the high jump and a four-man team from the University of California covered the mile in 48.22 seconds.

CONN STEADY AS ROCK

New York, June 18.

Billy Conn, who is expected to give Joe Louis his hardest fight since the latter won the world heavyweight boxing title when they meet to-night, weighed in today at 12 stone 6 lb., which was much below expectations, while Joe Louis weighed in at 14 stone 3 lb., 2 ounces.

Doctor William Walker stated that both men were in excellent condition, adding that Conn showed least sign of nerves in his blood pressure and pulse than any fighter he has ever examined.

The weather forecast is "clear, with moderate temperature."—Reuter.

This is Louis' 18th defence of the title he won from James Braddock.

Not since the Dempsey-Carpentier fight for the world title on July 2, 1921, when Dempsey won by a knockout in the 4th round, has so much interest been taken locally in a world title bout, many men from the American warships in port laying odds on a Conn victory.

PAST AND PRESENT: 17 MINUTES

According to a Chinese report, a 53-year-old man recently took part in a 10,000 metres long distance race at the second annual athletic meeting held in Chengtu, completing the course in 56 minutes.

In this connection it may be recalled that Li Yuk-lung, 20-year-old student at Nam Sheung College and winner of last year's Marathon race organised by Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union, covered the Boys' "A" Grade 10,000 metres in 39 minutes to win this event at the recent All-Schools Sports Meeting in the Colony, under the auspices of South China Athletic Association.

Three teams have so far entered this League. They are Victoria Recreation Club, the Indian Contingent of Police Force and Sing Tao Sports Club, holders of last year's All-Chinese Colony Basketball League title. The last tournament was also organised by Chinese Y.M.C.A. and decided in their gymnasium in Hong Kong.

Apart from those already entered, it is understood that South China A.A., Eastern Chinese Y.M.C.A., Pui Ying College, Canton University and Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union also contemplate joining.

Entries close on Monday, June 30, and should be sent to Chinese Y.M.C.A.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB'S CHARITY CUP

Kowloon Golf Club have just started a Summer "Charity Cup" competition, match play on bogey, which will be held during the months of July/September. Members desiring to participate may take out as many cards as they like, at \$1 per card, the lowest score at the end of the tournament winning the prize.

Proceeds from the competition will be donated to the different charities at the discretion of the Committee.

EASIER GOLF

WARMING UP & COOLING DOWN

By Best Ball

Like the ballplayer warming up before taking his turn at bat, the golfer can also gradually attune his muscles for play. The pros make it a point to find time in which to drive a few off the practice tee but the average golfer, as a rule, has no such opportunity or time to get ready. The player can, however, swing a couple of clubs as shown above in a leisurely and smooth fashion back and forth to loosen up his muscles. The routine, primarily designed to eradicate the kinks, also comes in handy in adjusting one to calmer thought and action. Rushing to the golf course, the golfer is so often saturated with the sense of hurry and jerky action that his play reflects it. For the sake of better playing and enjoyment, a more tranquil temperament must prevail and a pretty fair cure lies in swinging the two clubs in slow motion tempo.

Another purpose is served in that the golfer feels the rhythm of one club later in actual play and it can be swung with a more acute



sense of feeling and velocity. Continued practice will strengthen the muscles of the arms and shoulder and the grip. Gene Sarazen similarly employed an overweight driver for practice sessions for greater swing development. Next Article—Turn Left Shoulder Around.

MANILA ASKED FOR DETAILS

By "Referee"

INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE INTERPORT SWIMMING CONTEST BETWEEN MANILA AND HONG KONG MAY YET MATERIALISE, PRESENT UNFAVOURABLE CONDITIONS NOTWITHSTANDING.

It will be recalled that late last season, Manila, after accepting an invitation from Victoria Recreation Club to send a team to Hong Kong, had to abandon the idea at the last moment as permission could not be obtained from the authorities in that port for the swimmers to make the trip. A counter-suggestion was then made by Manila that Hong Kong should send a team to Manila instead, but this was also shelved at the time, as it was then too late in the season for any arrangements to be made.

Early this season V.R.C. again sent an invitation to Manila, but again the difficulty of securing permission for the team to leave cropped up. Equally keen that this contest should materialise, Manila again asked V.R.C. to send a team to that port.

ORIGINALLY IT WAS FEARED THAT DIFFICULTIES OF OBTAINING PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE COLONY, OWING TO VOLUNTEER AND OTHER DUTIES, ETC., WOULD FORCE V.R.C. OFFICIALS TO DROP THE MATTER AGAIN, BUT IT HAS SINCE BEEN ASCERTAINED THAT THE CHANCE OF SECURING THE NECESSARY PERMISSION IS BRIGHTER THAN WAS FIRST THOUGHT POSSIBLE.

Details Required

V.R.C. have again written Manila asking for further details regarding the arrangements for the visit, and in this connection they are fortunate in that Mr. L. R. Ildefonso, well-known local sports organiser, has been appointed official representative of V.R.C. On his return to the Philippines in the near future he will be able to discuss details with the Manila officials, and it is confidently felt that Mr. Ildefonso's knowledge of local conditions will prove of great value in concluding negotiations for the tour.

It was originally suggested that Hong Kong should send 10 or 12 men swimmers and some 6 to 8 lady competitors. This, however, together with details regarding the programme, have not yet been decided on, and will be left in abeyance until negotiations reach a later stage.

TO-DAY'S WATER POLO GAMES

Following are to-day's water-polo fixtures:—
Navy "A" v Navy "B"
(Navy Pool) 6 p.m.
European Y.M.C.A. v Navy "C"
(Navy Pool) 6.30 p.m.
Middlesex "A" v Royal Scots "A"
(Army Pool) 7.15 p.m.
Combined Small Units v 30th Bty., R.A.
(Army Pool) 7.45 p.m.
Signals v 5th A.A. Regt., R.A.
(Navy Pool) 7.15 p.m.
Royal Scots "B" v 95th Bty., R.A.
(Navy Pool) 7.45 p.m.

TOURNAMENT STANDINGS TO DATE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Signals	7	7	0	0	34	0	14
8th R.A.	6	5	0	1	21	11	11
Middlesex "A"	6	5	1	0	23	9	10
Royal Navy "A"	5	5	2	0	25	15	10
Royal Scots "A"	5	5	1	0	21	10	10
European "A"	5	3	2	0	14	6	6
C.S. Units	6	2	3	1	12	10	5
Royal Navy "B"	5	2	3	1	8	17	5
Royal Navy "C"	5	1	3	1	11	14	3
5th A.A. Regt.	6	0	4	2	13	15	2
Middlesex "B"	5	1	4	0	11	15	2
Royal Scots "B"	4	0	4	0	2	10	0
55th R.A.	4	0	4	0	2	10	0
55th R.A.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

BOWLS TEAMS

Following are some of the teams for Saturday's Lawn Bowls League games:—

H.K.F.C.

Friendly (v. Recreio, Home)
E. Casey, C. Carr, A. W. Hircock and T. H. Pearce (Skip).
A. Bailey, C. G. Solis, J. Hempsey and J. D. Thomson (Skip).
Third Division (v. C.C.C., Home)
A. C. Grattan, J. Russell, G. Stephens and B. A. Mansell (Skip).
K. Forrow, J. M. Thomson, C. B. Robertson and G. Graver (Skip).
E. Strange, E. Anslow, J. Ralston and S. Strange (Skip).

C.C.C.

First Division (v. I.R.C., Away)
J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury (Skip).
A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, R. Basa and U. M. Omar (Skip).
Y. A. Razack, L. Gaddi, J. S. Landolt and C. S. Rosselet (Skip).
Second Division (v. H.K.F.C., Home)
A. A. Razack, S. R. Solina, E. Zimmermann and T. Lock (Skip).
J. H. Xavier, M. A. Baptista, L. E. Lammert and M. J. Medina (Skip).
E. J. Todd, A. Kitchell, W. Ward and W. K. Way (Skip).
Third Division (v. H.K.F.C., Away)
L. M. Roza, A. E. S. Alves, E. S. Franks and A. J. Coelho (Skip).
F. X. Delgado, W. J. Curd, Dr. C. W. Lam and Dr. N. P. Karanjia (Skip).
W. E. Broadbridge, F. K. Modi, G. S. Ladd and D. A. Rozario (Skip).

KOWLOON F.C.

Second Division (v. K.F.C.C.A., Home)
B. D. Evans, A. A. Dand, V. Chitenden and W. C. Simpson (Skip).
W. Naef, A. Eastman, C. Dowman and E. Kern (Skip).
A. Lapsley, V. Attenza, P. Young-husband and W. V. Field (Skip).
Third Division (v. H.K.F.C., Chater Road)
B. Thomson, S. C. Wong, C. H. Fuller and T. Ferguson (Skip).
G. E. Cross, C. Woodcock, A. MacIntyre and R. M. Ogden (Skip).
B. Williams, G. Frost, Y. Abbas and J. T. Smalley (Skip).
Reserves—W. Ogley, W. Seraphina and J. Gibson.

SCHOOLS' BICYCLE RACING

A bicycle-racing contest, sponsored by Chinese Y.M.C.A., will be held on Wednesday, July 2, at Caroline Hill before the schools break up for their mid-Summer holidays.

The meet will be confined to students of the Colony's schools and the contestants will be required to undergo a medical examination before their entries are accepted.

K.B.G.C. INTER-CHANGE LEADS FOR SATURDAY'S LEAGUE BOWLS MATCH

OWING TO THE INACTIVITY OF A NUMBER OF CLUBS LAST SATURDAY, DUE TO THE INCLEMENT WEATHER, THERE ARE FEW CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE VARIOUS FIRST DIVISION TEAMS FOR THE COMING SATURDAY'S GAMES.

Both Recreio "A" and I.R.C., who met last week, have made no changes in their sides, while Craigen-gower are making only one change, promoting L. Gaddi in place of W. K. Way, who will again skip a Second Division rink.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club "A" have inter-changed the leads of two rinks. Sykes will play No. 1 in A. J. Hall's rink in place of R. P. Phillips, who takes Sykes' place in J. McKelvie's rink.

Several changes have been made in the K.B.G.C. "B" rinks. H. Bicknell will be No. 2 in J. Meyer's rink in place of Morton, who replaces the promoted G. W. Deacon as No. 2 in Guy's rink. Sherriff is an absentee from this rink and E. A. Atkins will be taking his place.

In Recreio's Second Division team A. V. Barros goes No. 2 in place of E. L. Barros, who will be seen in the same position, in place of F. J. Marques, in J. R. Soares' rink. A. F. Noronha has been promoted from the third team to O. P. Remedios' rink, and C. C. Pereira's four is unchanged.

One H.K.C.C. Change

R. A. Edwards will be seen in place of E. Hospes in A. W. Brown's rink, otherwise the Hong Kong Cricket Club team is unchanged.

The only change in Craigen-gower's second team is that E. Todd takes the place of M. Roza, who returns to the third team.

Police, strong aspirants for Third Division honours, are bringing in E. Greenwood vice H. Dewar in A. E. Carey's rink, and this is their only change, while Craigen-gower will have A. F. S. Alves in place of R. K. Pavri in A. J. Coelho's rink.

Hong Kong Cricket Club have been forced to make a number of changes. B. J. Lacon will be playing in place of A. MacKellar. P. S. Cassidy will be skipping the 100 per cent. E. S. Abraham's rink in the latter's absence, while W. R. Lambert comes into the side in place of P. Morrison.

A. Nissim will be skipping P. S. Cassidy's rink of last week.

K. F. C. Reshuffle

K.F.C. have made a change in skips — P. Younghusband, who lost his 100 per cent. record to C. C. Pereira in his last appearance, is playing No. 3 to W. V. Field in place of V. Chittenden, and E. Kern is going to skip in his place with C. Dowman as his No. 3. W. C. Simpson will skip the third rink, with B. D. Evans as No. 1 instead of A. A. Dand, who is at No. 2 in place of C.

BREAKING-IN NEW BATCH OF AUSTRALIANS

The "breaking-in" of the 28 subscription griffins and 20 griffins which arrived from Australia last month was commenced at the Race Course last Tuesday morning.

It is further understood that the balance of the shipment, comprising 24 griffins and 48 "subs," will arrive in the near future, in two lots. These ponies will not be racing until next February at the earliest.

The present bunch appear to be in excellent shape after a very comfortable trip.

Due to the heavy rain this morning to-day's League Tennis matches have been postponed.

With Cheng Kwan-min as trainer-captain-secretary, a team representing Empress Skating Rink, Nathan Road, is now hard at practice for a challenge hockey match on roller-skates against a team from Ciro Skating Rink, Caroline Hill, which is scheduled to take place early next month.

A nominal charge for admission will be made and proceeds will be donated to a number of free schools for Chinese orphans.

Other members of the Empress team are Chui Cheung-leung, Wong Sik-ko, Yau Tung-wo, Mak Wai-ming, Lo Chi-keung, Wong Cheung-kin and Chan Ki-tim.



CHENG KWAN-MIN

The "ball" used is very similar to the puck used in ice-hockey.

key, but though this new game to the Colony is not quite as fast as its ice-counterpart it should be, nevertheless, interesting enough. There are eight players in each team.

In addition to this match competitions will be held between the two rinks in fancy skating (men, women and children), while there will also be an arithmetic race and a thread the needle race.

AN EXHIBITION IN FANCY SKATING WILL BE GIVEN BY SOME OF THE LEADING MEMBERS OF HONG KONG SKATING ASSOCIATION, WHO HAVE BEEN INVITED BY THE MANAGEMENT OF THE EMPRESS SKATING RINK TO BE PRESENT.

Manager Pepper Martin of Sacramento of the Pacific Coast League benched himself after hitting into three double plays in one game. One of them came with the bases full and the Sacs needing a run to tie Los Angeles.

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One-man Battle In China

An official tribute to the work of Sir Frederick Maze, Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, was paid in the House of Commons yesterday after a question about the control of the Customs in the occupied areas of China.

Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, pointed out that the Inspector-General continues to administer the Customs service all over China, including the Marine Department, which deals with lighthouses and harbour services, but he has to take into consideration the requirements of the occupying power in occupied areas.

Sir Alfred Knox asked whether it was realised that Sir Frederick Maze was putting up a single-handed fight for British interests in the Far East, and asked whether the Foreign Secretary would do everything possible to help him.

Mr. Eden replied: "I would join in paying the warmest possible tribute to the work Sir Frederick is doing."—*Reuter*.

SMALL RAID ON ALEXANDRIA

Only a few bombs were dropped during an air raid on Alexandria early yesterday morning, according to an Egyptian Ministry of Interior communique.

The alert lasted about an hour and the A.A. defences were in action. Only one casualty occurred and damage done was very slight.—*Reuter*.

During the day they were also active in machine-gunning enemy motor transport on roads in the Gazala area and did considerable damage.

Bomber aircraft carried out a number of attacks on enemy armoured cars and transport.

In the Sidi Omar area bombs fell among tanks and transport, destroying or disabling more than 20 vehicles, and in the same area armoured cars, light tanks and troops concentrations were shot up.

During the night of June 16/17 heavy bombers attacked a number of targets.

Hits were registered on the central mole and elsewhere in the harbour area at Benghazi.

Bardia Raid

Bombs were dropped on the landing grounds at Derna and Gazala where a number of fires were started, and at Bardia several motor transport vehicles were set on fire and others damaged.

There is nothing of outstanding importance to report from other fronts.

From all these operations six aircraft are missing.—*Reuter*.

U.S. BASES NEARLY READY

THE UNITED STATES NAVAL AND AIR BASES IN THE BERMUDA ISLANDS AND NEW-FOUNDLAND WILL BE COMMISSIONED WITHIN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT OR MONTH.

This was announced in Washington yesterday by the Secretary of Navy, Col. Frank Knox.

The naval and air base on Morgan and Tucker Islands will be commissioned on July 1.—*Reuter*.

DAMASCUS TO BE OCCUPIED

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taneous district of Janou Atriz. Vichy artillery is shelling the road south of Kiswe in a last effort to delay the fall of Damascus but Allied supply and troops convoys continue to come through uninterrupted.

Kuneitra Retaken

It was authoritatively learned in Jerusalem yesterday that the Allies have recaptured Kuneitra, in Syria.—*Reuter*.

Naval Bombardment

French naval units bombarded British troops in the Sidon area on Tuesday evening, says a semi-official Beirut telegram to Vichy quoted by *Reuter*.

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, announced yesterday he had discussed the question of an exchange of High Commissioners with Mr. Peter Fraser, New Zealand Premier, when he was passing through New Zealand. The matter had been under discussion for some time.—*Reuter*.

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STOP PRESS

Unconfirmed reports reaching Manila quotes Ankara press reports to the effect that German troops have attacked Russia at 15 points along the eastern frontier and also that Rumania has issued an ultimatum to the Soviet Government demanding the return of Bessarabia.—*Reuter*.

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was unconfirmably reported yesterday that Russia and Germany have signed a trade agreement.

A Geneva report stated that another agreement was imminent by which Russia would permit the transit of German arms through Russian territory to Iran. — International News Service.

NO EASY PEACE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WARNING THAT THE WORLD WILL BE DISTURBED FOR A LONG TIME TO COME, THE U.S. SECRETARY OF NAVY, COL. FRANK KNOX, TOLD CONGRESS YESTERDAY THAT THE UNITED STATES IS BUILDING A FLEET TWICE AS BIG AS ANY OTHER IN HISTORY AND ONE WHICH WILL COMMAND ALL WATERS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND BOTH OCEANS AT ONCE IF NECESSARY.

"The need for control of the seas will exist for a long time," he declared.

Meanwhile the Navy Department revealed that the recruiting goals have been stepped up 50 to 100 per cent, resulting in 15,000 new men a month, in view of the national emergency. — International News Service.

N.E.I. WILL FIGHT IF ATTACKED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Japanese will not move against the Netherlands East Indies, declared Herr Van Der Shrieck, attache to the Netherlands Legation in Washington, yesterday. "If they should, we added, the Dutch will fight to the last man." — International News Service.

A RECOMMENDATION THAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD APPOINT AN OFFICER TO FOLLOW UP ITS INSTRUCTIONS AND TO SEE THAT THEY ARE OBEYED BY THE DEPARTMENTS, CRITICISM OF THE UNHELPFUL ATTITUDE OF THE TREASURY AND COLONIAL SECRETARIAT TOWARDS MR. FORREST'S NEEDS, AND THE COMMENT THAT MR. FORREST, "IN OUR OPINION, HAS PROVED HIMSELF UNFIT FOR THE POSITION OF HEAD OF THIS, OR ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT." ARE THE OUTSTANDING FEATURES OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO INQUIRE INTO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT. LAID ON ACTIVE COUNCIL THIS THE TABLE IN LEGISL. AFTERNOON.

The report covers seventeen pages and finds Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, Immigration Officer at the time, at fault in two major matters and one minor matter, that of discourtesy and lack of tact. The two major matters were "His failure to institute a proper financial system" and "His disobedience to the instructions of the Governor-in-Council."

The main features of the report are appended:—

Financial System

"It must have been manifest to anyone that the application of a system of control on immigration by means of the issue to approved applicants of permits against payment of fees must involve at least a simple system of book-keeping and the co-ordination of accounts. It must have been equally obvious to anyone with experience of the Government system of accounting that, inasmuch as the Department handled large numbers of audit-numbered documents, registers would be required to ensure that the movements of these documents were recorded and their safe custody thereby ensured. There is nothing in the requirements of the approved system of immigration control that calls for any involved system of accounting. In these circumstances Mr. Forrest's attitude to this most essential form of financial control is to us incomprehensible. On 31st October Mr. A. J. C. Taylor of the Accountant General's office minutes to Mr. Forrest giving details of the various simple books and registers which he recommended should be kept in the new office. Mr. Forrest made no effort to have the books printed, being convinced, he has told us, that they could not be got ready in time. At a later date Mr. Forrest devised a system of accounting for the Macau branch office which is based on Mr. Taylor's recommendation, yet at no time did he make any effort to institute any adequate system in his own office. At least until early February, 1941.

"We concede that Mr. Forrest had desperate need of additional staff and that trained and experienced staff were hard to come by, but we cannot agree

that the lack of such officers is any excuse for the failure to provide for the new Department at least a proper system of accounting and records. If such a system had existed, and the staff through overwork or lack of experience had failed to keep the books up to date, there would have been much force in this argument. In the circumstances which Mr. Forrest permitted to exist it is beside the point."

It is understandable that the officer who on 29th November made so full a confession as to the absence of any accounting system in his new office should on 4th December seek a month's postponement of the commencement of the Ordinance. That any officer having got that further period of grace should during it neither arrange for an adequate system of book-keeping nor assign an accounting officer in his department to supervise the work of the staffs is intelligible only on the assumption that the officer regarded his responsibility for large sums of public moneys as comparatively unimportant. That the same officer having still taken no steps to institute any accounting system should oppose the suggestion for further postponement suggests an attitude of mind which we are quite unable to comprehend.

Much has been said during our public inquiry about the deposit system and the inadequacy of the imprest account. The arrival in the Colony of large numbers of Chinese who were without any immigration papers, the paramount necessity to clear ships without avoidable delay, and the natural reluctance to saddle the shipping company with the responsibility for repatriating all such passengers, made the introduction of a system of deposits inevitable. The fact that many such passengers had no Hong

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BATTLE OF THE TANKS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Military circles in London declared last night the Battle of the Tanks in the Western Desert has developed into a major action, but added: "It should not be regarded as Armageddon."

No decisive result has yet been reported. — International News Service.

Official Communique

A communique issued by G.H.Q. in Cairo states: "Libya—yesterday, after we had repulsed several attacks, the enemy brought up fresh forces with which he attempted an encircling movement against our forward troops."

As we had accomplished our objects of forcing him to disclose his strength, and inflicting heavy casualties on him, we withdrew slowly to our forward positions.

We brought back several hundred German prisoners and destroyed a large number of enemy tanks and guns. — British Wireless.

The War Minister stated in a parliamentary reply yesterday that according to latest information the number of Italian officers and other ranks now in our hands is 177,937, in addition to 66,010 native troops. — British Wireless.

JAPANESE ARMY AND THAILAND

THE JAPANESE ARMY ORGAN, "KOKUMIN SHIMBUN," IN AN EDITORIAL THIS MORNING IN TOKYO, URGES THE GOVERNMENT TO CONCLUDE A MILITARY ALLIANCE WITH THAILAND AS THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE PROSPERITY OF EAST ASIA.

Citing the importance of Thailand's geographical position in southern East Asia, the paper asserts: "The fate of Thailand would seriously affect the security of Indo-China as well as the security of the whole of South China and its adjacent waters." — Reuter.



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Turkey Signs Pact Of Friendship With Germany

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A TREATY OF friendship between Turkey and Germany was signed in Ankara at 9 o'clock last night by Franz von Papen, the Nazi Ambassador, and Dr. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, says the official German news agency.

INVASION PORTS BLITZED

The R.A.F. struck again at the Nazis on the French side of the Channel last evening, when bombers, escorted by fighting formations, made an offensive sweep across the Straits of Dover.

Coast watchers saw large numbers of our fighters roaring out across the Straits.

For some time after the bomber force went out, explosions, apparently from salvos of bombs, rocked the Kent coast.

Targets near Boulogne were believed to have been attacked. A terrific explosion, heard and felt on the Kent coast during the afternoon, rocked buildings and was one of the heaviest experienced for a long time.

In the course of the combined bomber and fighter raid over Northern France, a military camp was bombed and nine German aircraft destroyed. Four R.A.F. fighters were lost.—Reuter.

13 Nazi Planes Shot Down

SPITFIRE AND HURRICANES OF THE FIGHTER COMMAND PROVIDED THE ESCORT FOR OUR BOMBERS IN THE SUCCESSFUL RAID OVER OCCUPIED FRANCE YESTERDAY.

They also swept the Channel and enemy-occupied territory, shooting down 13 ME's and severely damaging several others.

A number of fighter squadrons provided the escort and although German fighters tried to attack the bombers, every one was fought off by the R.A.F. pilots who guarded the bombers to the target, protected them during the successful bombing and brought them all back to base without loss.

One pilot reports that ME's tried to attack the bombers as soon as they crossed the French coast and until they were half way back across the Channel.

"Forty to 50 ME's attacked us for 30 minutes," says one of the pilot's reports.

A Polish squadron which formed part of the escort was constantly attacked while over France but prevented any enemy planes getting near the bombers.

During this operation Spitfires and Hurricanes of other squadrons swept the Channel and Northern France.

The total figure of enemy casualties includes only those aircraft seen to crash and taking no account of those probably destroyed but which did not crash within sight of British aircraft.—British Wireless.

WOMEN OF 23-24 TO REGISTER

All female British subjects born in 1917 are required to register particulars about themselves on Saturday, June 23.—British Wireless.

Text of the treaty consists of three Articles, which state:—

1. Germany and Turkey bind themselves mutually to respect the integrity and inviolability of their national territory and not to resort to any measures, direct or indirect, against their treaty partner.

2. GERMANY AND TURKEY BIND THEMSELVES IN THE FUTURE ON ALL QUESTIONS TOUCHING THEIR COMMON INTERESTS TO HAVE FRIENDLY CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER IN ORDER TO REACH AN UNDERSTANDING IN THE TREATMENT OF SUCH QUESTIONS.

The third Article provides for ratifications, which will be exchanged in Berlin.

The Treaty is valid for 10 years, with the possibility of prolongation.—Reuter.

Sarajoglu Statement

"Actual and existing obligations of the two parties are unaffected," declared the Turkish Foreign Minister, Dr. Sarajoglu, in a statement to pressmen on the German-Turkish Treaty quoted by Ankara radio which broke into the normal programme at 11 p.m. to radiate the text of the treaty and Dr. Sarajoglu's comments.

Declaring that Turkey and Germany "have confirmed for the future that the two countries will not oppose one another in any way," Dr. Sarajoglu said: "Turkey and Germany, who have never been in opposition in the course of the vicissitudes of world events for centuries, and whose mutual relations have always been clear and correct, have in the treaty laid the foundation of their friendship on a most solid basis."

Dr. Sarajoglu expressed "pleasure" in announcing signature of the treaty and referred to "the very special efforts that my friend, von Papen, who knows my country well, has made to bring about this result."

Finally, Dr. Sarajoglu expressed the wish that "the publications of the press and radio of our countries should be made in the spirit of friendship and mutual trust which characterises relations between Germany and Turkey."

Notes Exchanged

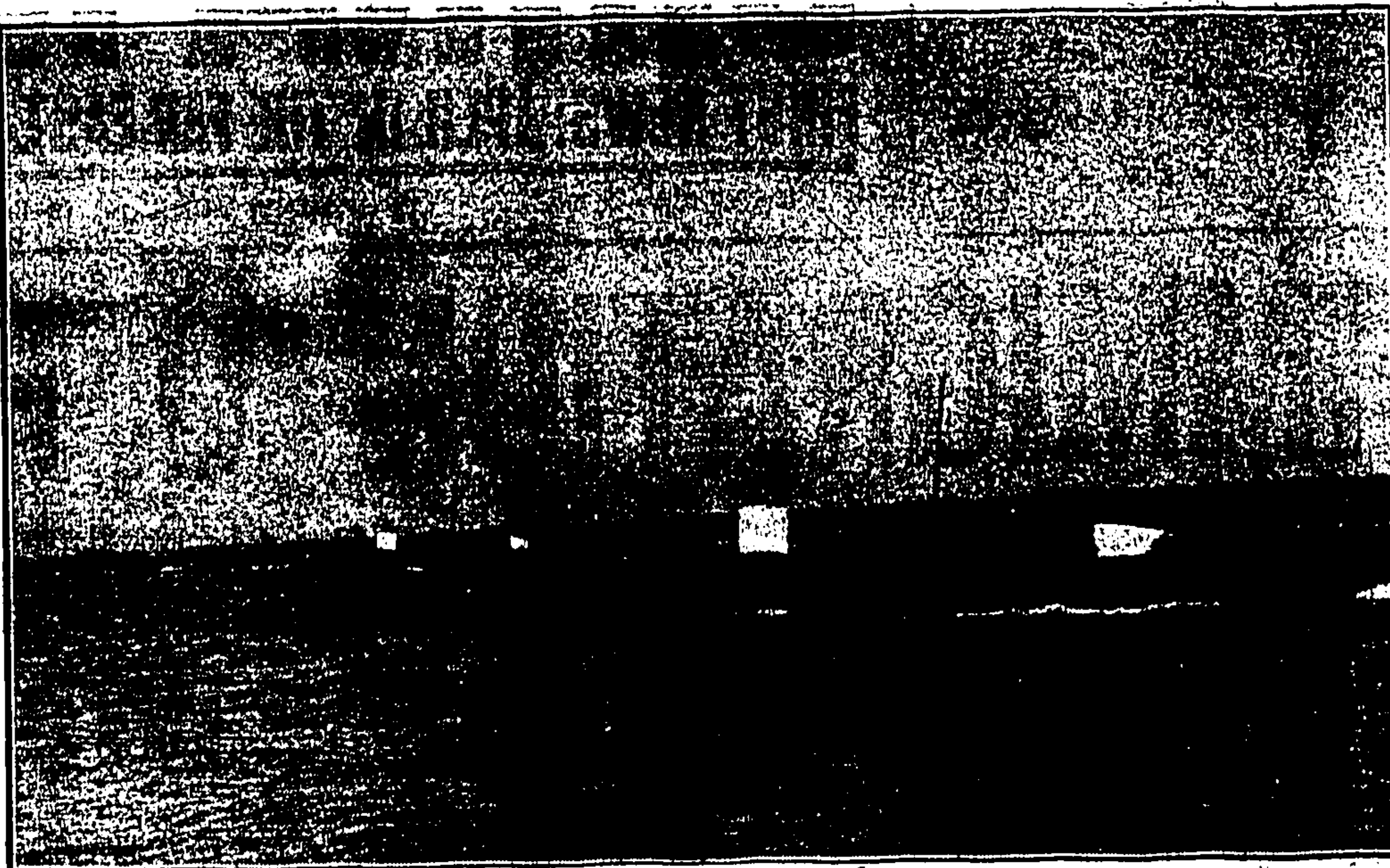
Simultaneously with the signing of the Turkish-German Treaty, identical Notes were exchanged between the two countries, and using as a basis the experience each country has had of the other in war, the two countries will henceforth enter into negotiations to establish a treaty basis for the carrying out of this agreement.

A joint declaration, disseminated by press and radio, expressed the wish that the press and radio of both countries shall always bear in mind, in all they publish and broadcast, the spirit of friendship and mutual trust animating their nations.—Reuter.

SUCCESSFUL CHASE

Mr. N. G. Ritchie, of Jordan Road, who yesterday morning heard a shout by a Chinese woman, caught a snatcher in Nan-king Street about 100 yards from the scene.

Before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning, Yu Man, 20, was sentenced to four months' hard labour for snatching a wrist watch, valued at \$100, from Lai Kam-ling.



The Royal Navy now have Motor Launches in service, used for general patrol work such as anti-submarine and anti E-boats. Photo shows three of the Naval Motor Launches on patrol. The censor has eliminated armament features.—(Copyright, Fox.)

BRITISH VIEW OF THE NEW PACT

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

EVER SINCE YUGOSLAVIA and Greece were overwhelmed by the Nazi forces, Turkey has been subjected to ever-increasing pressure to bring her into line with the Axis.

Not only has the German occupation of the Aegean Islands exposed Turkey to the menace of attack where her defences were weakest but she has had little support or encouragement from her nearest neighbour, with whom her ties have been very close.

GERMAN PROTEST REJECTED

Mr. Sumner Welles, United States Under-Secretary of State, indicated at his press conference yesterday that the United States has flatly rejected the German protest regarding the closure of consulates.—Reuter.

CYPRUS FOOD PROBLEMS

Asked whether adequate steps have been taken to ensure the provision of essential foodstuffs for the population of Cyprus, "as the war in the Mediterranean develops," the Colonial Under-Secretary stated the food position in the island gives no cause for anxiety.

He added although exports from Cyprus to Britain of citrus fruit and other produce had practically ceased because of war conditions every endeavour was being made to dispose of them in markets nearer the colony.—British Wireless.

Turkey has also suffered severely by the defection of France, which deprived her of her principal source of war material.

In these circumstances it is not surprising that the Turks have finally entered into an agreement of limited scope with Germany.

It is very much to their credit that they have resisted German pressure to break their commitments with Great Britain or to agree to any infringement of Turkish sovereign rights such as allowing German troops the right of passage through Turkey.

Turkey has not only preserved her present state of non-involvement in the war but while maintaining her sovereignty and territorial integrity, has shown her determination to remain faithful to the spirit of goodwill and friendship implicit in the Anglo-Turkish Treaty of Alliance.

Reservation

The new treaty specially makes a reservation in respect of Turkey's previous commitments.

It may be assumed Germany will exaggerate the significance of the new agreement and will attempt to exploit it as part of the nerve war upon Russia, but it will not destroy Turkey's friendship for Great Britain nor involve Turkey in any course that would be an embarrassment to Great Britain.

The British authorities have throughout been kept informed of the progress of the negotiations.—Reuter.

ITALIAN FORT SURPRISED

It is announced in Cairo that in Abyssinia, in the Wolcheft sector, our troops surprised the garrison of an Italian fort, causing the enemy over 100 casualties. As its continued occupation would be of no value to us the fort itself was completely burnt out and then abandoned.—British Wireless.

DISMAL SILENCE IN BERLIN

German reaction to the closing of German consulates in the United States is described as a "dismal silence" by the Berlin correspondent of the "Stockholm Tidningen," who says there is an impression that Germany prefers to be surer of her position before answering.

The situation borders on rupture, though an open conflict is not imminent since the nerves of both parties are good and it is hardly likely that either will precipitate events.

Germany, adds the correspondent, desires to delay the break as long as possible. Her chief desire is to avoid facilitating President Roosevelt's "war policy."

Only measure adopted so far has been the freezing of American credits in Germany, and probably also the implication that this will also apply to occupied countries.

The principal of "not to allow ourselves to be provoked," hitherto followed, is no longer applicable to Germany but it is desired to maintain world uncertainty.

Inopportune

Though Germany is not pleased with the latest American measure, it is yet considered inopportune to say so.

The Rome correspondent of the "Tidningen" says that while the balance of the mutual freezing of credits by the U.S. and Italy benefits Italy, the relatives of emigrants in America, accustomed to receive regular remittances, will suffer hardship.—Reuter.

THEFT OF PAPER ALLEGED

Lee Tun, 36, shop foki, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning with stealing paper, belonging to Mr. Fung Shin-chung, manager of the Chi Sang Stationery shop at No. 58, Des Voeux Road Central.

Mr. C. d'Almeida pleaded not guilty on behalf of defendant. Hearing of the case was adjourned to July 10, at 2.30 p.m. Bail of \$100 was allowed.

DAMASCUS TO BE OCCUPIED

Final Warning To Gen. Dentz

Free French Now In Western Suburbs

THE POSITION IN SYRIA IS CONSIDERED SATISFACTORY IN USUALLY WELL INFORMED CIRCLES IN CAIRO.

Vichy raiding thrusts round Kuneitra and Merj Ayoun have been contained and ample forces are available to drive them back. This action is, in fact, in full swing.

Further east the Allied forces are slowly making their way down the foothills leading to the Plain of Damascus.

With the Allied columns making headway towards the city from various points of the compass the situation is, however, somewhat confused. Indian troops here, as in North Africa, are taking part and are doing a fine job of work, particularly in the coastal sector.

Final Warning

A FINAL WARNING TO THE FRENCH HIGH COMMISSIONER AT DAMASCUS, GENERAL DENTZ, TO CAPITULATE, FAILING WHICH AN ALLIED ATTACK ON DAMASCUS WOULD BEGIN AT 5.30 THIS MORNING, WAS MADE BY RADIO FROM JERUSALEM BY THE BRITISH COMMANDER, GENERAL MAITLAND WILSON, YESTERDAY.

General Wilson added Vichy would be responsible for the bloodshed.

Whether the French capitulate or not, General Wilson promised he would start the occupation of Damascus at dawn to-day.

Kiswe Successes

Free French and British troops have occupied all fortified positions to the east west of Kiswe, 12 miles south of Damascus, says a communique issued by Free French Headquarters in the Middle East carried from Jerusalem by the Independent French Agency and quoted by Reuter.

Free French At Gates

Free French troops have now reached the western suburbs of Damascus, according to a despatch to the Independent French News Agency from its correspondent with the French forces in Syria. The Vichy troops are still holding the village of Mezoe, some three miles from Damascus.

Other Free French and Indian troops are pushing forward along the Kiswe-Damascus road east of the mountainous district of Janou Atriz. Vichy artillery is shelling the road south of Kiswe in a last effort to delay the fall of Damascus but Allied supply and troops convoys continue to come through uninterruptedly.

Kuneitra Retaken

It was authoritatively learned in Jerusalem yesterday that the Allies have recaptured Kuneitra, in Syria.—Reuter.

Naval Bombardment

French naval units bombarded British troops in the Sidon area on Tuesday evening, says a semi-official Beirut telegram to Vichy quoted by Reuter.

Situation "Fluid"

(By Kenneth Downs with the Allied Forces in Syria) Heavy fighting is proceeding in Syria, with the situation still extremely fluid, around Erza, Merj Ayoun and Kuneitra.

Free French troops defended Merj Ayoun in a grim resistance while Vichy naval units blasted British troops in the Sidon area. Colonel Collet, "The Lawrence

of Syria," with his Circassian warriors, is in the suburbs of Damascus controlling the heights, while inside the city the population is reported to be extremely nervous.—International News Service.

Further Progress

A Cairo communique states:—Further progress has been made on the coastal sector where our advanced patrols are now within 20 miles of Beirut.

South of Damascus the Allied forces have made further headway in the face of strong opposition by Vichy troops.

In the central area heavy counter-attacks by our forces are in progress against Vichy elements which had temporarily effected lodgements in Merj Ayoun and Kuneitra.

At Jezzine a determined counter-attack was successfully repulsed, leaving many Vichy infantry and several armoured cars in our hands.—British Wireless.

BROUGHTON STILL IN THE BOX

Sir Delves Broughton, who is charged with the murder of the Earl of Erroll, giving further evidence at the trial in Nairobi yesterday, did not agree that Erroll's death was a satisfactory solution of his (Broughton's) domestic troubles.

He agreed he had previously said he would take his wife back if Erroll and she fell out of love while Broughton was in Ceylon, but he now added this would have depended on what kind of life she led while he was away.

Replying to the judge, accused said his toast at dinner on January 23 to his wife, Erroll and their future heir was absolutely sincere.

Broughton denied being involved in a scene at the Muthaiga Club when, soon after his arrival in Nairobi, it was alleged he threatened to throw champagne in his wife's face or break a bottle over a man's head.

Accused said it was a complete fairy tale.—Reuter.

"LOSING SIDE WILL BE EXHAUSTED"

"THE GREATEST importance is attached to the outcome of the fighting at Sollum, as the losing side will be exhausted," says the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm "Dagens Nyheter."

The battle, adds the writer, is compared with the hardest fighting in the whole of last year.

Like Graziani, General Rommel appeared with a prepared offensive, and General Wavell attacked in order to break the head of the enemy's advance.

German military circles do not believe that the fighting will continue for many days owing to difficulties of supply.

The Rome correspondent of the "Dagbladet" declares the British offensive at Sollum has assumed "great dimensions."

IT IS STATED IN ROME THAT DURING THE LAST THREE WEEKS THE BRITISH HAVE RECEIVED EVEN GREATER REINFORCEMENTS, ESPECIALLY OF TANKS.

Military circles state the combined actions of General Wavell and General Wilson at Sollum and in Syria show "the British are seeking to obtain a breathing space for the defence of Suez."—Reuter.

100,000 ABLE TO RESPOND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Federal radio officials in Washington yesterday estimated that at least 100,000 American citizens are qualified to answer Lord Saverbrook's unique broadcast appeal for radio technicians to

JAPANESE DEMAND IN MACAO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES IN MACAO HAVE DEMANDED THE ARREST OF THE PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF CHIU YAT-NGOK, PUPPET DISTRICT MAGISTRATE OF CHUNGSHAN, WHO WAS FATAALLY SHOT IN MACAO ON MONDAY.

The demand has been formally presented to the Macao Government, who have promised that everything would be done to trace the gunman.

It may be recalled that Chiu was shot by a lone gunman in the head as he alighted from a car outside the offices of the Chinese newspaper, "Sai Nam Yat Po" (South-West Daily News), alleged "Wang Ching-wei" organ.—Our Own Correspondent.

operate Britain's secret weapon against air raiders. There are 55,500 licensed amateurs and nearly 40,000 professionals in radio and closely allied fields in the U.S.—International News Service.

TIME BOMB EXPLODES IN HONGKEW PARK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mystery veils the explosion of a time bomb in Hongkew Park, in Japanese-occupied Shanghai, causing injuries to two Chinese.

The Japanese say the pair are criminals, and it is rumoured an attempt was made on the life of Japanese army officers conducting soldiers drilling in the park.—International News Service.

COMMERCIAL PRESS STRIKE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Labour circles in Shanghai hope that the lock-out at the Commercial Press, now nearly two months old, will end "in the immediate future" as negotiations between the strikers and management have been resumed and are progressing satisfactorily.

The Commercial Press, whose branches formerly spread all over China and is considered one of the largest publishing houses in the Far East will not resume production in its factories until the end of the war.

It is reported that the only major unsettled point in the negotiations is the amount of compensation to some 600 workers.—International News Service.

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SINO-BURMA BORDER DELIMITATION

AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES between the Chinese and British Governments on the delimitation of the Sino-Burma frontier, took place in Chungking at 5 p.m. yesterday.

One Note defines in detail the line which is to be the frontier between Yunnan and Burma and another Note defines the boundaries of the area on the Burma side of the frontier in which the Burman Government agrees to permit Chinese participation in any mining enterprise which may be undertaken by British concerns.

TELEPHONE HIT BY LIGHTNING

IT WAS REVEALED THIS MORNING THAT THE SHOCK RECEIVED BY AN INDIAN CONSTABLE IN THE CHINESE SOLDIERS' INTERNMENT CAMP ON TUESDAY MORNING WAS THE RESULT OF A TELEPHONE POST IN THE KOWLOON DISTRICT BEING STRUCK BY LIGHTNING AT THE HEIGHT OF THE THUNDERSTORM AT ABOUT 11 A.M.

All Government telephones in the neighbourhood started ringing when the post was struck and the Indian constable was almost electrocuted when he picked up the Camp telephone.

He was discharged from hospital last night and it was stated this morning that he owed his life to a fellow constable who immediately applied artificial respiration.

COST OF LIVING IN BRITAIN

THE OFFICIAL COST OF LIVING INDEX FIGURE ON MAY 31 WAS 100 POINTS ABOVE THE LEVEL OF JULY, 1914, SHOWING NO CHANGE AS COMPARED WITH MAY 1.

For food alone the index figure was 70 points above the level in July, 1914, compared with 71 points on May 1, the decline being due mainly to decreases in the price of fish.

Among items other than food there was a slight increase in the prices of clothing and clothing materials, partly due to effects of the Purchase Tax.

Since this tax came into operation on October 21, the resulting increases in prices have raised the cost of living index figure by approximately five points.—British Wireless.

EVASIONS OF THOUGHT

IN THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT AT CAMBRIDGE, MASS., YESTERDAY, JUSTICE FELIX FRANKFURTER, ONE OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S CLOSEST NEW DEAL ADVISERS, HELD IT WAS FALLACIOUS TO BELIEVE THAT "WAR NEVER SETTLES ANYTHING."

Giving a crisp warning against "paralysing evasions of thought," Justice Frankfurter, addressing women graduates of Radcliffe College, adjacent to Harvard University, said: "The Civil War settled slavery; this war will settle the quality of your lives and your children's lives."—Reuter.

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In 1885, Britain annexed Upper Burma and by Article Three of the Convention relating to Burma and Tibet, entered into between Britain and China in 1886, it was agreed that the frontier between China and Burma be marked by a delimitation commission.

Negotiations opened in 1892 and a Convention was signed on March 1, 1894 defining the frontier.

A subsequent agreement in 1897 provided for certain modifications but considerable difficulties were experienced owing to the inexactness of the terms used in the Convention.

Three separate Boundary Commissions failed to reach an agreement regarding a portion of the frontier of about 200 miles between the Rivers Namting and Nainhka.

Mineral Deposits

The matter was in abeyance for over 30 years until, in 1934, it was taken up owing to difference of opinion regarding the right to investigate certain mineral deposits believed to exist in the disputed area.

By an exchange of Notes in Nanking in April 1935, China, Britain and India agreed to the establishment of a Commission under the chairmanship of a Commissioner appointed by the League of Nations which submitted a report on the recommendations.

The matter was again shelved when hostilities between China and Japan broke out in the Summer of 1937.

The question became again acute when the Chinese Government decided to press on with the construction of the Yunnan-Burma Railway because the easiest route would take the railway across the area in dispute.

In these circumstances, aided by the more friendly atmosphere prevailing between China and Britain, a solution was quickly found and this solution was embodied in the Notes which were exchanged in Chungking yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

FORMAL PROTEST BY NAZIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
MR. SUMNER WELLES, U.S. UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED HE HAD RECEIVED A FORMAL DIPLOMATIC PROTEST BY THE GERMAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, DR. HANS THOMSEN, AGAINST THE CLOSURE OF NAZI CONSULATES.

Mr. Welles declined to discuss the nature of the Note beyond saying it was being considered. Other quarters learn the Note protests against the "unjustified and illegal action in violation of the German-American treaty of friendship covering consular rights."—International News Service.

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STARACE OUT OF FAVOUR

Starace, former Secretary of the Fascist Party, is no longer a member of the Chamber of Fasci and Corporations, says a Rome despatch to Vichy.

A decree signed by Mussolini appoints Enzo Galgiati in his place. Galgiati also replaces Starace as Chief of Staff of the Fascist Militia.—Reuter.

THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY

A strong plea for approval of the St. Lawrence seaway scheme was made yesterday by Col. Frank Knox, U.S. Secretary of Navy.

The scheme is for combined Canadian and United States action to deepen the connection between the upper St. Lawrence and the sea.

Col. Knox declared: "We are going to live in a disturbed world for a long time. It would be advantageous to build ships in an area reasonably secure from attack from without."

Col. Knox was addressing the House of Representatives Harbours Committee.—Reuter.

GUNMAN CONFESSES

ONE OF THE GUNMEN ARRESTED IN SHANGHAI FOR THE MURDER OF DEPUTY POLICE COMMISSIONER AGAKI HAS CONFESSED THAT THE CRIME WAS INSTIGATED BY ELEMENTS SUPPORTING THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AT CHUNGKING, ACCORDING TO UNOFFICIAL JAPANESE QUARTERS.

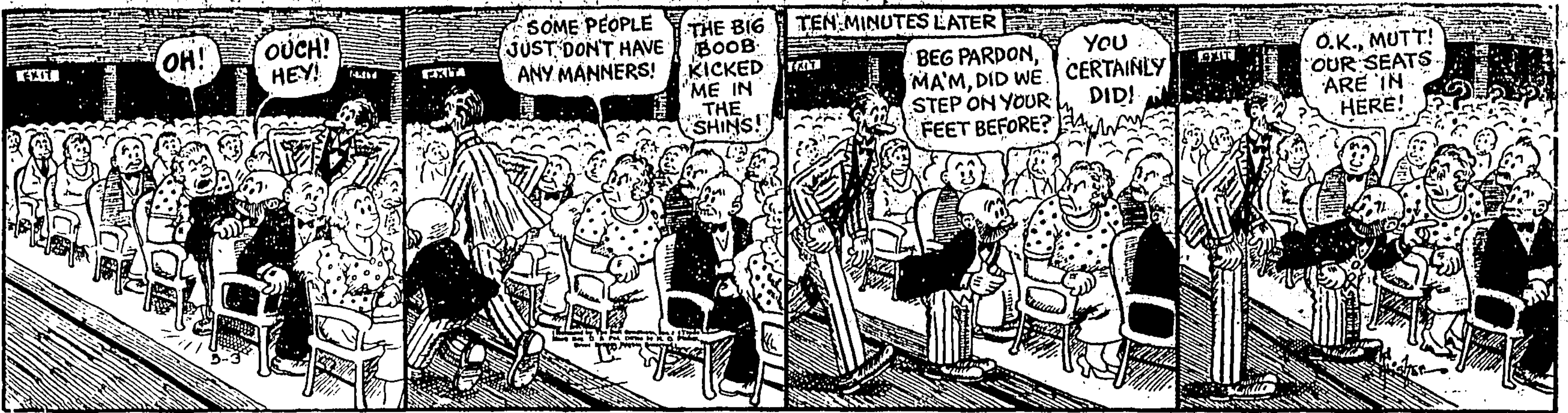
As a result of his confession, three more arrests have been made in Hongkew, the Japanese occupied sector of the International Settlement.

On behalf of the Consular Body, M. Paul Schoul, Danish Consul-General, yesterday wrote a letter to the Japanese Consul-General expressing deep sympathy and abhorrence for "this wanton act."—Reuter.

International News says the Japanese claim the gunman confessed he received secret orders from General Han, Chungking-appointed Governor of Kiangsu, to proceed to Shanghai for the purpose of attacking Japanese officials.

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



SOLDIER MOTORIST ON MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

AT THE CRIMINAL Sessions this morning, Private Thomas Peter Durdan, Royal Army Service Corps, pleaded not guilty of the manslaughter of Ho Sze, a 67 year-old woman in Sai Kung Road on May 18.

The case was heard before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, assisted by Traffic Sub-Inspector A. R. Brittain was for the prosecution, while accused was not legally represented.

The jury was composed of Messrs. F. M. Ellis (foreman), Chu Kar-chun, Albert M. Tye, Wong Ting-in, F. Caorio, H. W. Pomeroy and Leung Shiu-tak.

Mr. Williams said that accused was charged with manslaughter in that he unlawfully killed a woman while driving a car on the day in question. The jury had to be satisfied that accused drove his car in a reckless manner and was indifferent to the possibility of an accident.

The story started at 11.30 a.m. on Sunday, May 18, when accused hired a motor car for the day. The brakes and car were in good order. At about 1.30 p.m., Durdan arrived at Kai Tak aerodrome to visit Aircraftman Allen and the two set out for town. They went to the Nathan Hotel where they had some drinks and later went to another inn where they met two members of the Middlesex Regiment. They later decided to drive in the New Territories and at 3.30 p.m. reached the H. B. Brewery. The two

soldiers got out of the car and had a short walk while the accused stayed in the car. After a while, they decided to return to Kowloon. A watchman at the Brewery had opened one of the gates and was preparing to open the other. Without waiting for this, accused drove his car out and was involved in an accident when he struck the side of the watchman's hut.

"Drove Fast"

On the way back, accused drove fast and Allen had occasion to speak to him about it. On the Castle Peak Road, accused was still driving fast and, on one occasion, Allen saw something shoot 15 to 20 feet in the air. This was a basket carried by a woman who was crossing the road. Allen told accused who replied that no damage had been done and drove on.

This woman would say that she saw the car at some distance and thought she had ample time to

cross the road. The woman, who was knocked down, was taken to the hospital by a Police constable, and she said that the car was a black one and that there were four persons in it, one of whom was a European.

The party reached Nathan Hotel and the party broke up. Allen left, while accused went to the Palace Hotel where he met two other friends from the Middlesex Regiment. The party decided to go to the New Territories.

On the Ma Tau-wei Road, the car was seen by Messrs. T. Kevin and E. Eymard who noticed that it was a black one and was being driven at a very fast rate and swerving to both sides of the road.

Accused was next heard of in Sai Kung Road where the fatal accident occurred. He did not stop till he was some 600 feet from the scene.

Foki's Story

An eye witness, continued Mr. Williams, by the name of To Chan, a rice shop foki, would tell the Court that he was riding his tricycle when he saw a car in the distance on the right side of the road. He saw the car suddenly cross the road obliquely and hit the woman. The car continued towards him and to save himself he jumped off his tricycle which was hit by the car.

He saw the woman lying on the ground.

In the meantime, Messrs. Kevin and Eymard arrived. They saw the black car which had passed them in Ma Tau-wei Road, some distance away.

A crowd gathered round the prostrate woman and an Indian constable arrived.

Traffic Sergeant M. Clark came shortly after and proceeded to take exact measurements. He could find no brake marks, but only some drag marks. He examined the car. He tried to start it but it would not go immediately. The radiator grill, which was thin, was dented and the radiator fan was forced back on the radiator fan. Sergeant Clarke tested the brakes and found them to be in good order.

Accused was examined and found to be sober.

Accused's story was that he was driving behind a bus when a woman suddenly appeared a few yards in front of the car and in trying to dodge her, he hit her. After going four or five yards, he stopped and found that she was dead.

Case is proceeding.

OWEN TUDOR WINS WAR DERBY

England's second wartime Derby, run yesterday at Newmarket instead of traditional Epsom Downs, resulted in an outsider winning. Result was:

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OAKS STARTERS

Probable starters and jockeys for the New Oaks to be run tomorrow, are: Firtle (Lowrey), H. Hampton (Richardson), Faience (Arthur Wragg), Precocity (Beary), Commotion (Harry Wragg), Dancing Time (Perryman), Sunny Dear (Cliff Richards), Saratoga (Bridgland), Xenaite (Taylor), Turkana (Evans), Mercy (Ephraim Smith), Chelton (Beasley). Roman Express has no jockey yet. Reuter.

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HORIZONTAL

- 1 Sharp
- 5 Epic poem
- 9 To append
- 12 Discard
- 14 Author of "The Raven"
- 15 Lock of hair
- 16 Underground prison
- 18 Line of junction
- 20 French coin
- 21 Pronoun
- 22 Exclamation of satisfaction
- 24 Narrow opening
- 26 To obstruct
- 28 To observe
- 30 Son of Lot
- 32 Weasel-like mammal
- 35 Epochs
- 37 Heavenly body
- 39 To recline
- 40 Variety of coffee
- 42 Ox of Celebes
- 44 Preposition
- 46 Rabble
- 47 Decendant of the ancient Egyptians
- 49 Bees
- 61 Is mistaken

VERTICAL

- 1 Deed
- 2 Vehicle
- 3 Desserts
- 4 Quantities of medicine
- 5 What did you say?
- 6 Seed covering
- 7 Burden
- 8 Church council
- 9 Simian
- 10 Unhappy destiny
- 11 To refuse
- 13 Sacred song
- 17 U. S. naval station
- 19 Love, as a cow
- 22 Ancient alloy
- 23 Chief male figure of a play
- 25 Residence of chieftain
- 27 Wire measure
- 29 Every
- 31 Seat of justice
- 33 Island of the Cyclades
- 34 Range of knowledge
- 36 Utter
- 38 Cover of a building
- 41 To stop
- 43 Aside
- 45 To hang
- 46 Game fish
- 49 God of war
- 50 Prefixed half
- 52 To cut
- 54 Wings
- 55 To take out
- 57 Mongrel
- 59 Prefix three
- 62 European fish

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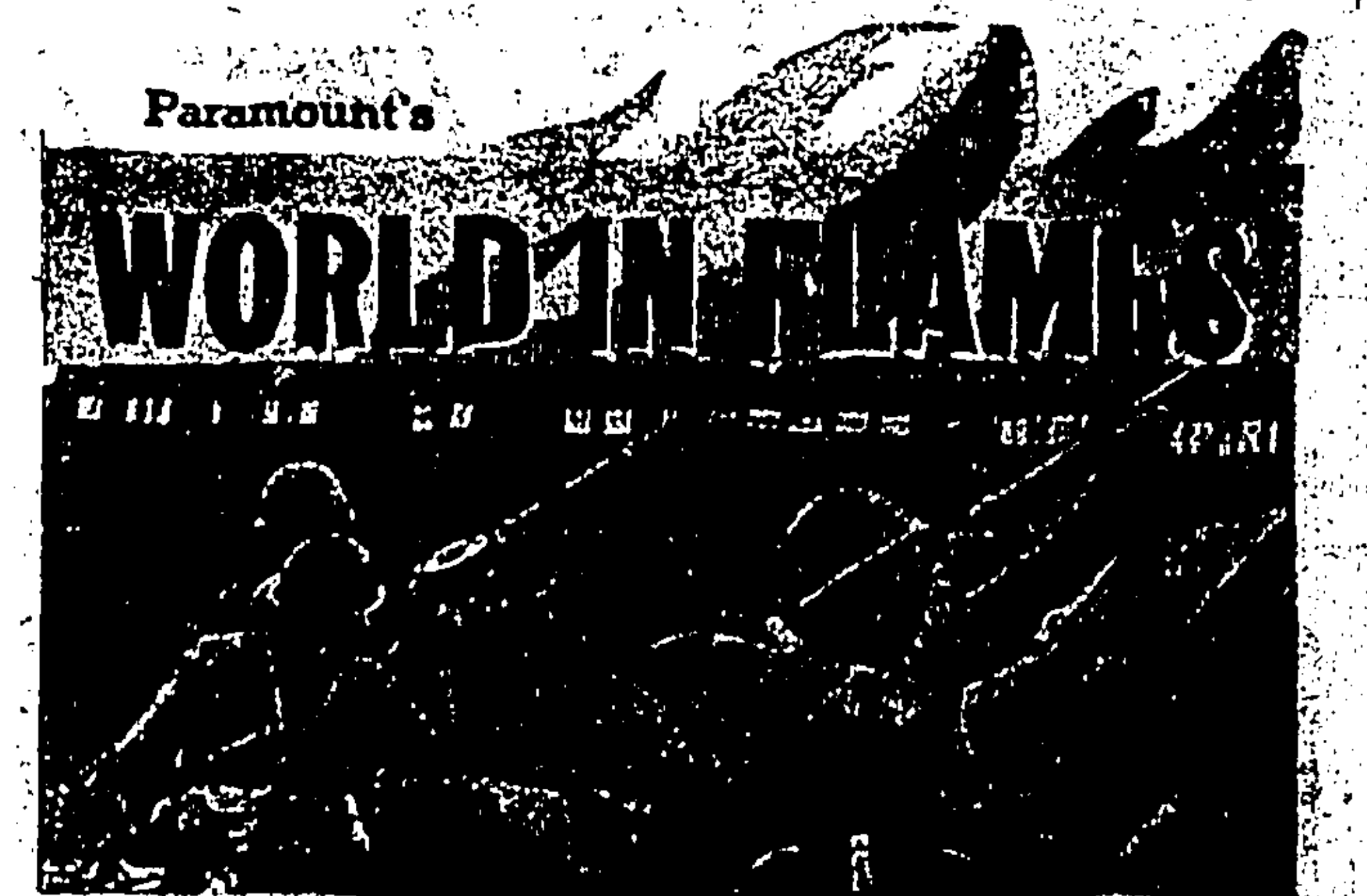


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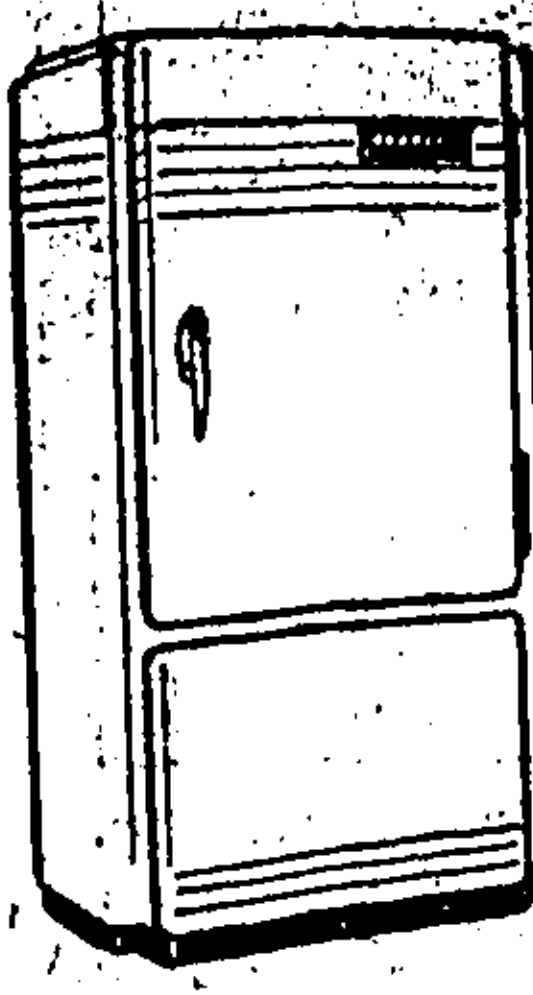


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GREAT BATTLE OF TANKS STILL RAGING ROUND SOLLUM

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the
advanced British Forces in the
Western Desert)

THE BATTLE WHICH BEGAN IN THE WESTERN DESERT ON SUNDAY MAY PROVE THE GREATEST OF THE LIBYAN CAMPAIGN. PRECISELY AT DAWN, BRITISH AND INDIAN FORCES ADVANCED ON HELL-FIRE PASS, CAPUZZO AND SOLLUM FROM FOUR DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS.

A small armoured force followed the coast road — infantry, supported by tanks and artillery, spread across the plain extending from the sea to the escarpment — a famous English and a Scottish regiment attacked along the escarpment itself and the armoured division made a wide sweep out into the desert with the audacious intention of attacking Sollum from the west and taking the Germans in the rear.

NEW GOVERNOR APPOINTED TO TANGANYIKA

SIR WILFRED EDWARD FRANCIS JACKSON, GOVERNOR OF BRITISH GUIANA, HAS BEEN APPOINTED GOVERNOR OF TANGANYIKA IN SUCCESSION TO SIR MARK YOUNG, WHO BECOMES GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG.

Sir Wilfred Jackson is 59 years old and has had many years in the Colonial Service, having served in various posts in Trinidad, Uganda, Bermuda and the Gold Coast. In 1930 he became Governor of Mauritius, taking over the Governorship of British Guiana seven years later when Sir Geoffrey Northcote was promoted to Hong Kong. — Reuter.

ROOSEVELT DEFENCE 'PLANS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DECLARED YESTERDAY THAT THE SECRETARY OF WAR WILL SOON REPORT ON THE ADVISABILITY OF HOLDING THE NATIONAL GUARD IN THE FEDERAL SERVICE FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN SUCCESSION, AND INDICATED HE WOULD BE GUIDED BY THE SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

President Roosevelt also disclosed that the Administration is planning to request Congress to vote supplementary appropriations to the present \$7,000,000,000 Lease and Lend Programme. He said he did not know the amount. — International News Service.

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, announced yesterday he had discussed the question of an exchange of High Commissioners with Mr. Peter Fraser, New Zealand Premier, when he was passing through New Zealand. The matter had been under discussion for some time. — Reuter.

On Saturday evening a British brigadier outlined to me the plan of attack for each of the four columns. With a walking-stick he drew in the sand the routes to be taken, obstacles to be encountered and the enemy's probable strength.

Quietly confident and enthusiastic, the brigadier concluded: "It is going to be a great scrap. It may be a decisive scrap."

Advancing from the rear on Saturday morning we threaded our way through long lines of motorised transport, artillery and Bren-gun carriers.

Dog Fights

The German air force was strangely absent and we arrived within five miles of Hellfire Pass before patrolling Hurricanes were challenged.

THEN BEGAN A SERIES OF HAIR-RAISING DOG FIGHTS WHICH CONTINUED ALL DAY.

Advancing to within some two miles of Hellfire Pass, down the centre of the plain, we had a grandstand view of the British shelling of the pass from a protecting wall.

We could follow the shells from the flash to the final satisfactory pop, as great fountains of sand and smoke plumed into the air around the German positions.

Fighters' Activity

Meanwhile, British light artillery was moving closer and medium and heavy tanks steadily advancing from the rear.

Never for one minute were fighter planes absent.

At Brigade Headquarters, the Brigadier again gave us a few moments in which he announced the capture of Bir Waer, which strategically is almost as important as Capuzzo.

Battle Still Raging

The battle was still raging fiercely yesterday in the triangle east of Halfaya Pass, according to latest reports received in Cairo from the front.

Amid the wrecks of tanks which have been knocked out, the armoured plants continue to belabour each other with shells. Military circles in Cairo emphasise that this continues to be a local action aimed only at securing the high ground at the top of the pass.

This area resembles the observation posts so bitterly contested in the last war.

POSSESSION OF IT IS NOT VITAL BUT IS OF CONSIDERABLE ADVANTAGE TO WHICHEVER SIDE HOLDS IT.

Indian troops are among those sharing the hard fighting round Halfaya Pass. — Reuter.

YOUNGEST SQUADRON LEADER PRISONER

Squadron Leader E. H. Lynch-Blosse, aged twenty-four, youngest squadron leader, reported missing last month after a big raid on Berlin, is a prisoner.

His uncle, Squadron Leader P. W. Lynch-Blosse, is one of the oldest bomber pilots.

Labour Inquiry In F.M.S.

Major Orde-Browne, Colonial Office Labour Adviser, at present in Mauritius, will afterwards go to Malaya in connection with the enquiry into the recent labour unrest.

When questioned in the Commons yesterday whether the Malayan Government's report was yet available, the Under-Secretary for the Colonies, Mr. Hall, stated the Colonial Secretary was consulting the High Commissioner with a view to securing an early investigation and conciliation in cases of Malayan labour unrest.

The Rev. Sorensen asked whether the enquiry would be comprehensive, covering the political, economic and other aspects. Mr. Hall said it would be for the High Commissioner to decide the scope of the enquiry. — Reuter.

TRADE WITH U.S.

QUESTIONED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE WITH THE UNITED STATES AND SOUTH AMERICA FOR COLONIAL PRODUCTS, THE UNDER-SECRETARY FOR THE COLONIES, MR. HALL, SAID COLONIAL EXPORTS TO AMERICA, ESPECIALLY THE UNITED STATES, WERE ENCOURAGED BY ALL PRACTICABLE MEANS.

The possibility of increased exports of a number of commodities had already been discussed with the United States authorities, and a Colonial Office official was recently sent to Washington specially to continue the discussions. — Reuter.

BRITAIN STILL HAS QUIET NIGHTS

AN ENEMY BOMBER WAS DESTROYED ON TUESDAY NIGHT IN RAIDS ON BRITAIN, SAYS AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE LAST NIGHT.

A very small number of enemy aircraft flew over coastal areas in the south-west yesterday afternoon. Up to 6 p.m. no reports were received of any bombs having been dropped. — Reuter.

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

STATUS QUO

When all the signs point to an early intensification of the world crisis with, possibly, a vast extension of the field of conflict, it is of interest to examine the arguments of those who justify an attitude of non-resistance to aggressors on the basis of a lofty contempt for the status quo. Britain, they say, is fighting to maintain the status quo; United States aid to Britain assists her in that fell task. These cranks employ the expression accusingly, as if, for example, the existence of Holland as a democratic, capitalistic state were necessarily an evil, because Herr Hitler found the little country lying athwart his path to empire; as if, since the phrase, "Whatever is, is right," is admittedly fallacious, the opposite must be true.

But aside from this trick of logic, which is probably only the usual result of over-simplification of terms in debate, there is a more serious objection to the facile use of status quo as a reproach. This is the underlying assumption that the democratic powers, the "have" powers, seek to freeze the present state of mankind, the bounds of its habitation and its way of life. Any such assumption is false. Within each democratic organism there are conservative and radical tendencies, maintaining a tension that is often costly, to be sure, but always fruitful of change. By this process the British dominions have evolved from the status of portions of an empire to partners in a commonwealth. By this process the United States is encouraging the growth of a new nation in the Far East—the Commonwealth of the Philippines. Through all the territories of the great free States the evolution of the principle of government by consent of the governed has been under way—and it was accelerated during that very post-Versailles period when the democracies are accused of sitting on the lid of a bubbling status quo.

To be sure, these developments had no direct effect on the "have-not" nations, but the fact that the "haves" were steadily divesting themselves of the power to exploit their possessions is a measure of the necessity—which Germany, Italy and Japan insist upon—of

London is the first city in the world to have suffered for six months the weight of German air attacks and to be still breathing, living, working and producing.

The capital of the United Kingdom and the British Commonwealth has become the chief target of the German air force because it is the centre of resistance of the English speaking countries. It is the symbol of everything that links the British Commonwealth of Nations together.

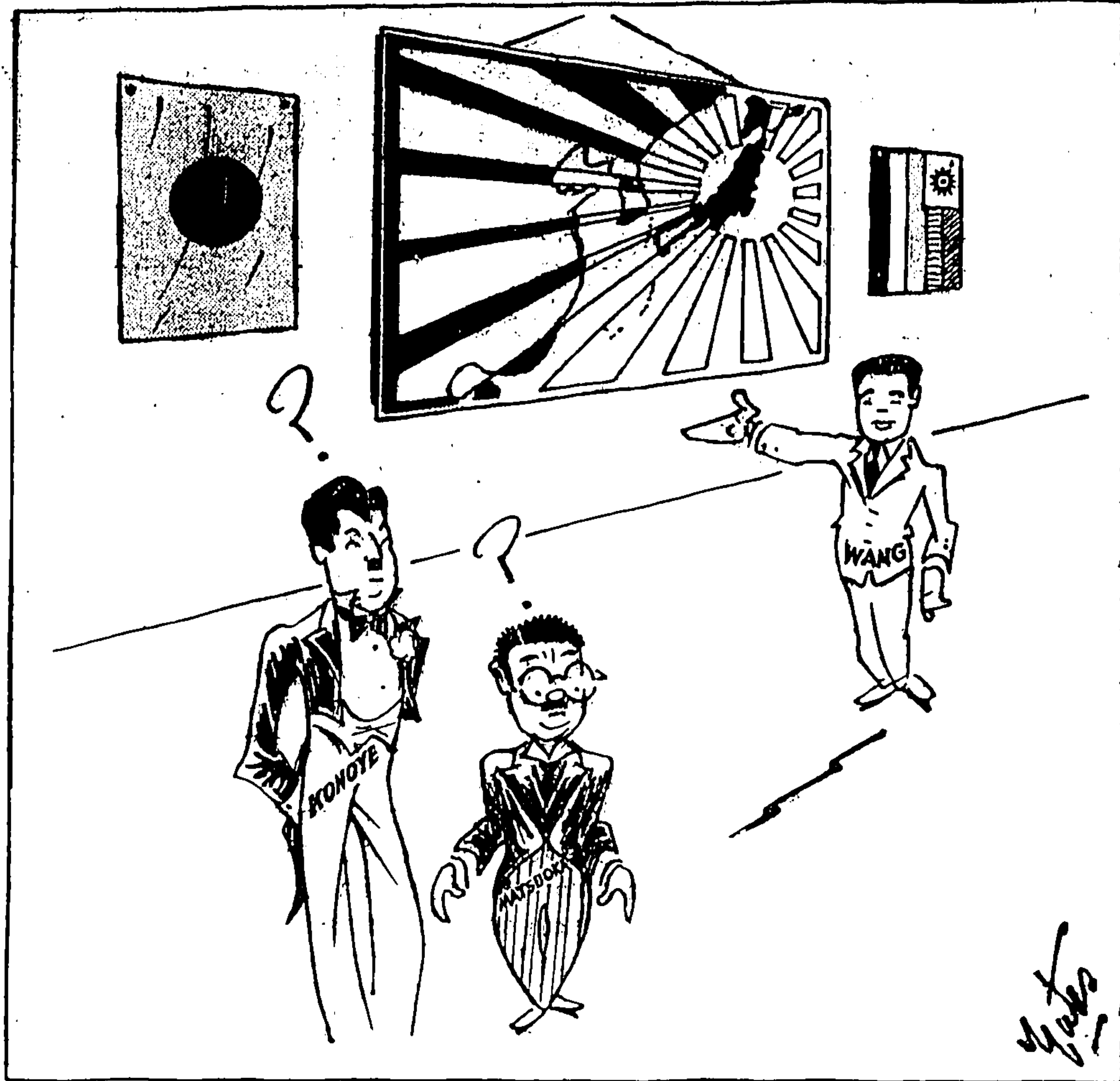
It is the strong and regularly beating heart of a nation fighting with all its power against subjugation by totalitarian conquerors.

The silent courage of Londoners who have taken and are still taking so much upon themselves without grumble or complaint has often been noted by this neutral reporter. Many observers have asked themselves about the real background of this almost inconceivable will to hold out.

The fact that England is to-day not merely resisting, but hitting back and more certain of victory than ever, is considered by the

such forcibly held territories in a world where law and a fair opportunity to trade abroad prevail. By upsetting that law and denying that opportunity the totalitarian powers have, indeed, upset a world order—but it was not a static order; not an order of forcible repression such as is now in the making in Europe and Asia.

Should this new order prevail, the real evils of a status quo maintained by force, with no outlet for protest, no instrument of change save the sword, will be visited on the world.



WANTED: A LITTLE MORE PLACE IN A LITTLE LESS SUN.

London Defies The Fury: I

By
Gottfried J. Keller

London Correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten."

Englishman to be only what he expected.

The average Briton is surprised that neutral observers perpetually wonder at his ability to take such punishment.

During the last six months Londoners have certainly provided final proof that England is not—as the propaganda of her enemies has asserted again and again—an overfed, decrepit, weakened nation.

As a reporter I have been living in London and its immediate vicinity during the blitz. I have watched life in the shelters—have taken refuge in them.

I have seen the damage in West, South, East and North, as well as at the docks. I have journeyed along the South Coast. I have talked to innumerable victims who have lost their homes. To-day more than ever I am firmly convinced that war in the air alone can never succeed in breaking the British will of resistance.

Only a successful occupation of England by a gigantic hostile army could subjugate this people even temporarily, and waiting for this invasion attempt are, as Mr. Churchill has said, not only the Government but also the fish in the channel.

As is generally admitted, English propaganda is poor, while that of her enemies is not. During the last weeks, however, enemy broadcasts have indulged in descriptions of conditions in London which have made Londoners happy with laughter. In these radio reports wish is father to the thought.

The Londoner was given the opportunity to hear that he was

without light, without water, without gas, without electricity, that the postal services were no longer functioning, the telephone was cut off, whole streets could no longer be used, the railways were completely disorganised, the food shops had no goods to sell, and more stuff of this kind.

In my daily cables I have tried to correct this impression and to describe from day to day conditions as they really are.

The purpose of these articles is to give the neutral reader a picture of life in London to-day, after six months of blitzkrieg from the air—without embellishment or propaganda, without adding to or subtracting from the facts.

Dealing first with communications, in a few cases these have been slowed down, in a few others interrupted for a short time, but in no case have they been stopped entirely. Here and there, when a station or a line had been hit, delays were overcome in an astonishingly short time.

At the beginning of the blitz the mail was often delayed, but this defect, too, has long since been overcome.

As far as the telephone is concerned, for a time the rule was that no unofficial calls whatever should be made during air attacks or alerts. This rule has now been revised. The telephone authorities have become more accommodating and the calls continue, alarm or no alarm.

It has happened that here and there one of the many London exchanges has been affected by the blitz, but in most cases the damage was repaired and normal service resumed within one or two days.

As ever, the famous red buses drive in unbelievable numbers through the streets of London; now their number has even been increased by additional buses from the Provinces. Where a street has been blocked or its passage made unsafe by a time bomb, the street running parallel with it is used.

Bus traffic has not suffered, lately it has even been improved by the introduction of express routes.

The undergrounds also are functioning day in, day out.

(These despatches appeared in the Swiss newspaper "Basler Nachrichten".)

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DEBATE ON LESSONS OF WAR

Lord Addison Criticises War Office Inaction

DEFENCE LINE ROUND AMERICA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

State Department quarters in Washington disclosed yesterday that the U.S. is actively establishing a defence line around Latin-America.

Diplomatic discussions are under way with practically all the 21 American Republics with a view to extending aid to those countries under the Lease and Lend Act, to strengthen coastal defence and provide a virtual ring of steel around South America, consisting of A.A. and long-range guns and a ring of air bases, with American-built

LION AT BALL

A caged lion roared greetings to arriving guests at a Rule Britannia ball at Palm Beach, Florida, in aid of Bundles for Britain and the British War Relief Society. Women wore red, white and blue frocks. —Reuter.

naval patrol planes maintaining a constant vigil on the sea approaches.

The planes would be manned by Latin-American personnel but the bases would be at the disposal of the United States immediately war broke out. —International News Service.

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Lord Samuel Paints Brighter Picture

THE HOUSE OF LORDS yesterday debated the Battle of Crete. The debate was initiated by Lord Addison, who dwelt particularly upon the defence of the aerodromes, in which, he declared, there was a diversion of responsibility.

If higher direction on that matter was responsible for the defeat in Crete, we should not run similar risks in our home defence. Lord Addison said he was himself responsible in March and April this year for bringing to the notice of the War Office and Air Ministry a very serious memo on the subject "but nothing happened."

Lord Addison argued that the reason why this vital matter was not apprehended adequately, was because not enough play had been given at the top to brains.

Viscount Samuel (Liberal) found much cause for gratification.

Alluding to the number of important occurrences in which Hitler had failed, Lord Samuel quoted a phrase by Carlyle: "You may paint with a very big brush and yet not be a great painter."

Spain—And Russia

He referred to Iraq and to the fact that contrary to expectations a year ago, Hitler had not yet shaken Spain's neutrality and marched on Gibraltar.

The affection and mutual confidence between the Soviet and Germany, continued Lord Samuel, was now apparently shown by the massing of armed millions from the Baltic to the Black Sea.

The Soviet alliance with Japan had not frightened the United States from taking overt action to assist the Allies.

American action, he said, must be greatly influenced by the attitude of their sister Republics in Central and South America which Germany had been making intense efforts to influence but failed.

The whole of the 21 American Republics and the Pan-American Union remained solid.

Battle Of Atlantic

The Battle of the Atlantic was far from being won but it was certainly not won for Hitler.

Lord Trenchard, distinguished former Chief of the R.A.F., said there was much misunderstanding regarding recent air operations.

If more aerodromes had been built in Crete they would never

have survived large-scale bombing attacks which the Germans could bring against them.

Whether it was possible ever to accumulate enough equipment adequately to defend the aerodromes in Greece and Crete, was a point which only those with full knowledge could answer.

The facilities at the disposal of the Germans for bringing up planes and supplies were incomparably superior to the British.

Reserve Problem

Lord Trenchard said: "One of the reasons for the evacuation of Crete was that we could not get a reserve of troops into the battle zone. You cannot keep your reserve troops in the battle zone."

"For this purpose of having a reserve in depth, an Air Force reserve of far greater than 100 per cent. is needed."

"There will always be a large number of reserves for the Middle East locked up in transit along lines of communication."

LORD TRENCHARD DECLARED THE DEFENCE OF AERODROMES WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ARMY.

Information Wanted

Field-Marshal Lord Milne made a strong plea that the War Office should accelerate the supply of information concerning the whereabouts, if alive, of the men from Greece and Crete, as in many cases relatives did not know what had happened to their sons and husbands.

LORD CROFT INTERVENED TO GIVE AN ASSURANCE THAT THIS MATTER WAS BEING SPEEDED UP.

Lord Moyné, replying to the debate for the Government, refuted the "Nazi lie" that the whole force of the German attack in Crete was borne by Anzac troops.

British troops in operation this year had been equal in number and slightly more than equal in casualties.

The number of German dead in Crete was four times as many as the British and exceeded the total of British losses in killed, wounded and missing.

Blunted Teeth

We lost relatively little material whereas we destroyed at least 430 of the costliest German types of planes and blunted the teeth of the Luftwaffe.

Cooperation with the Army would not be inferior to that of the Germans when our system of air support was complete.

"In this country aerodromes are defended in depth. We have an air defence force and local defence serving particularly aerodromes. They will be supplemented and backed up by the Army."

Lord Moyné declared the handicap of distance to the eastern Mediterranean was being steadily counteracted.

Suez Position

The resistance in Greece and Crete had given us months to strengthen the position in the

SMALL RAID ON ALEXANDRIA

Only a few bombs were dropped during an air raid on Alexandria early yesterday morning, according to an Egyptian Ministry of Interior communiqué.

The alert lasted about an hour and the A.A. defences were in action. Only one casualty occurred and damage done was very slight.—Reuter.

ADVERTISEMENT BY NOISE

Summoned for causing an obstruction by amplifying gramophone records to attract pedestrians outside his shop at No. 400, Shanghai Street, Lui Wai was fined \$15 by Mr. H. C. Macnaghten at Kowloon this morning.

Suez Canal

The Italians had been cleared out of threatening positions, the South Africans and others in the Red Sea operations had been enabled to reinforce the main position in the Mediterranean and counteract the treachery in Iraq and of Vichy in Syria.

Meanwhile, from Britain, the United States, India and Africa, growing volumes of armaments and transport were flowing in and far exceeded the loss of material.

In the Syrian operations the Australians were already flying American planes.

Tank Battle

If we had given a free passage to the Germans by not resisting in Greece and Crete, the situation of the Suez Canal defences would have been far more anxious than it was to-day. We had used the time to good purpose.

The prospects of the present vicious tank battle would have been very different if the Germans could have got in all the tanks they wanted and if we had not had four months in which to reinforce our resources.

The sacrifices and sufferings undergone by the British, Australian and New Zealand forces had not only caused a serious setback in Hitler's Eastern plans but might bring their final wrecking.—Reuter.

Germany's Start

Lord Moyné referred to the cooperation of R.A.F. squadrons with the Army.

Army Cooperation Squadrons, he said, had for a long time been working in intimate relation with ground troops which involved the working out of extremely difficult combined training.

The Germans at the start of the war were in possession of wireless cooperation of very great efficiency. He was assured our armoured formations were now building up the same kind of system of close cooperation and association with particular aircraft whose function it will be to support them in battle.

Already in technical skill and ability the R.A.F. was fully equal to this very important function and would not be found in any way inferior to the German example when these new arrangements were fully developed.

While the lesson of Crete had not been neglected, said Lord Moyné, much more had been done than was obvious to the public, and defence of an aerodrome was not plain for all to see.

"Wringing Of Hands"

During the debate Viscount Cecil of Chelwood said there had been too much of "this wringing of our hands."

The position, broadly speaking, was not unsatisfactory. If they looked back, every month almost showed a decided improvement in our position compared with that of our enemies.

There had been, of course, instances of serious setbacks but taking a wider view of the general course of the war it would be absurd not to recognise that, compared with six months ago, we had immense superiority now.—British Wireless.

GEN. WAVELL'S NEW DESERT OFFENSIVE

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

YESTERDAY 126 YEARS AGO, THE BRITISH WON THE DECISIVE VICTORY OF WATERLOO, WHICH VICTORY BROUGHT TO HIS KNEES A DICTATOR WHO HAD LORDED IT OVER EUROPE FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS.

Battles in those days only lasted one day; now they take several before the final decision is reached.

Battles of an offensive character are again being fought to save Europe and the world from other dictators whose tyranny is far more brutal and cruel than that of Napoleon.

In my last despatch it was indicated that an offensive in Libya might be undertaken by the British and not by the Germans, and so it has turned out, for on Sunday morning General Wavell launched an attack of some magnitude on the German front in Libya and heavy fighting is still going on round Sollum and Halfaya Pass.

It is satisfactory to find that the British forces are now strong enough in the Middle East to justify General Wavell in making this attack, while he has other forces engaged in a second campaign in Syria.

Details have not yet come to hand to enable us fully to picture the battle which is now going on off Sollum, but one or two salient points can be perceived.

Heavy Attack

It is evident that our attack is heavy enough to have obliged the Germans to rush reserves. It appears the British are tactically making use of fairly wide turning movements and that the R.A.F. is giving ample support not only in attacking bases, airfields and the enemy's lines of communications but also on the actual battlefield.

The enemy seems to fear that this is the first step in a serious and sustained attack but we must wait and see. It may only be a local offensive aiming at the capture of Halfaya Pass.

In Syria, the British progress against Beirut and Damascus has been slow owing more to political considerations than to any military weakness of the British.

Superior Strength

We do not wish to throw our superior strength ruthlessly and violently onto so many French soldiers who are truly our allies and whose own countrymen are marching with us.

There will be much less bitterness among Frenchmen in Syria when General Catroux has established an anti-Vichy and anti-Nazi Government there.

NEVERTHELESS IT IS IMPORTANT THAT GENERAL WAVELL HAS STARTED AN OFFENSIVE IN LIBYA NOT TO WASTE TIME NOR TO ALLOW TOO MANY BRITISH MILITARY RESERVES TO BE LOCKED UP IN SYRIA.

With this object in view it is conceivable that the subsidiary advance from Iraq, which is moving in two columns along the Valley of the Euphrates, was ordered.

Drive On Aleppo

These columns are apparently meeting with little opposition, possibly because the enemy troops are engaged in the south trying to delay the British advance on Beirut and Damascus.

Full advantage should be taken of this fact.

The capture of Aleppo, in the rear of the Vichy forces, might bring about an immediate cessation of hostilities.

It can be noted with satisfaction that the close cooperation of the British Navy and Air Force is being fully applied in all these operations.—Reuter.

ENEMY SHIPPING LOSSES

An authorised review of enemy shipping losses during the week ending June 15, says that over 40 separate and successful attacks were made by our sea and air forces and at least 28 ships were severely damaged, 14 of which are known to be total losses.

In addition, pilots who raided Benghazi harbour on six nights and one day report that seaplanes and merchant ships were sunk there during previous raids.

After mentioning the successful attack on one of the two remaining German pocket battleships, the review says six supply ships and a trawler, destined to be available for the Bismarck and Prince Eugen, were sunk.

Submarines in the Mediterranean accounted for an 8,000-ton tanker, an Italian armed cruiser with two schooners she was escorting, an Italian armed merchant cruiser in Benghazi harbour and two schooners in Mytilene harbour.—Reuter.

CIVILIAN TECHNICAL CORPS

Answering a Commons question the Air Secretary said: "Skilled men overseas whose services are available and who possess the requisite qualifications and are otherwise suitable, are free to enlist in technical branches of the Fighting Services but, in order to afford a wider opportunity for skilled technicians overseas to respond to the appeal which was broadcast by Lord Beaverbrook, government have decided to establish a civilian technical corps in which will be enrolled men who volunteer to come to this country for service in repair and maintenance establishments of the Navy, Army and Air Force in a non-combatant capacity."—British Wireless.

PHOTOGRAPHIC CONFIRMATION

Mr. Sumner Welles, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, told the press yesterday that the Robin Moor survivors had excellent photographs corroborating their oral testimony that the vessel was sunk by a German submarine.—Reuter.

STAND-BY ORDER TO U.S. RESERVISTS

Stand-by orders have been issued to the last remaining U.S. naval reservists, the Navy Department stated in Washington yesterday.—Reuter.

BRITAIN CLOSES DOWN ON PETSAMO

The Ministry of Economic Warfare announces that the British Government has informed the Government of Finland that from June 14 no further sea traffic would be allowed into the Arctic port of Petsamo.

Last autumn the Finnish Government granted the Germans the right of transit of troops across Finland to and from Norway.

Although this was regarded as a grave breach of neutrality the British Government, desiring to encourage the Finns to try and maintain their independence, agreed to permit the resumption of sea traffic to and from Petsamo subject to suitable arrangements to prevent any imports reaching the enemy.

Early this month it became obvious that German troops were entering Finland in such large numbers as to make it tolerably clear that they were taking up permanent positions in Finland and were not in transit to Norway.

Accordingly Britain is no longer able to regard Finland as capable of complying with the terms agreed upon last autumn.

No navicerts will for the time being be granted ships proposing to sail to Finland and already three Finnish vessels on their way to Petsamo have been intercepted and detained.—British Wireless.

STALIN ATTENDS COMEDY

The presence of Stalin, Molotov and other members of the Soviet Government at a performance on Sunday of a modern comedy called "On the Steppes of the Ukraine," was mentioned in the Soviet press yesterday.

The fact is alluded to in prominent notices of the season of a Ukrainian theatre company from Kiev now being held in Moscow.—Reuter.

TICKET RACKET

Charged with a breach of the Public Entertainment Regulations by selling tickets outside the Mongkok Theatre last night, Lo Yun, 28, was fined \$50, or two months' hard labour, by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

GIRLS GAOLED

Two girl shop-lifters, Li Lam, 18, and Wong Lam, 18, were sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning. They stole three lengths of cloth from a shop in Kowloon City.



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BRIDGE NOTES

COMING THROUGH

By The Four Aces

South made a "stab" bid because he didn't trust his partner to give him accurate responses; and it took all South's skill to come through with the Grand Slam:

South, Dealer

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NORTH

♠ 6 5 3

♥ 9 4

♦ J 8 7

♣ Q 8 7 4 2

WEST

♠ J 9 4 2

♥ 10 6 3 2

♦ Q 9 3

♣ 10 9

EAST

♠ 8

♥ 8

♦ K 10 6 5 4 2

♣ K J 6 5 3

♠ A K Q 10 7

♥ A K Q J 7 6

♦ A

♣ A

The bidding:

South 7♥ West Pass North Pass East Pass

West led the ten of clubs, and South won with the Ace. Barring five trumps in

one hand, only a bad spade break could defeat the

hand. South's plan, therefore, was to provide as well as he could against a bad

spade break—there was no help for

it if trumps broke badly.

Accordingly, South laid down the Ace of hearts at the second trick and next took the Ace and King of spades. There was no risk in the spade leads if that suit happened to break 3-2, for both opponents would follow suit and then South would draw the rest of the trumps.

As it turned out, however, the spades did break badly; but the fortunate trump break saved South. East couldn't ruff the King of spades since his only trump had been drawn and South, recognising the situation, cashed the Queen of spades, ruffed a spade in dummy, and returned to his hand with the diamond Ace to draw the rest of the trumps. Then the last two spades could be cashed.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A 10 6 5

♥ 9 4

♦ K 8 4 2

♣ J 7 4

The bidding:

Jacoby 1♥ Schenken Pass Yen 1♠ Major (7)

ANSWER: Bid one spade. There cannot be a good reason for suppressing the four-card major suit.

Score 100% for one spade, 20% for one no-trump.

Question No. 746

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby 1♥ Schenken 2♦ Yen 1♠ Major (7)
2♦ Pass Pass (7)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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SHOT WHILE P.C. PHONED

A policeman approached Private Purvis in New Road, Camberwell, to question him and took him to a police call box. While the officer was telephoning a revolver shot was fired and Purvis is now in hospital in a serious condition.

CHINESE HOPE FOR EMBARGO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chinese circles in Chungking hope that the action of the United States Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Harold J. Ickes, in halting a shipment of lubricating oil to Japan from Philadelphia is the prelude to a complete embargo on U.S. petroleum exports to Japan.

The Chinese maintain the move is not only in the interest of American national defence but will cripple the Japanese war machine, making impossible a Japanese southward push to threaten the Philippines, Netherlands East Indies and Singapore.

Chinese circles support Admiral Yarnell's contention that unless Japan is knocked out first, Japan will squeeze the United States from the Orient, and for this reason they think the present is the most opportune moment for the United States to enforce a complete oil embargo against Japan for self-defence. — International News Service.

U.S. OIL FOR BRITAIN

A new arrangement, giving U.S. refineries an opportunity to supply at least 50 per cent. of petroleum products purchased for Great Britain under American contracts, was announced by Mr. Harold Ickes, the Petroleum Coordinator, in Washington last night.

The action follows the appeal by producers in the United States who said that virtually all such American contractors were being supplied from wells in Venezuela.

Mr. Ickes also announced that three huge tankers at present serving California will be transferred to serve the Atlantic seaboard from the Gulf of Mexico. They will deliver an additional 210 million gallons of petrol a year because of the shorter voyage.—Reuter.

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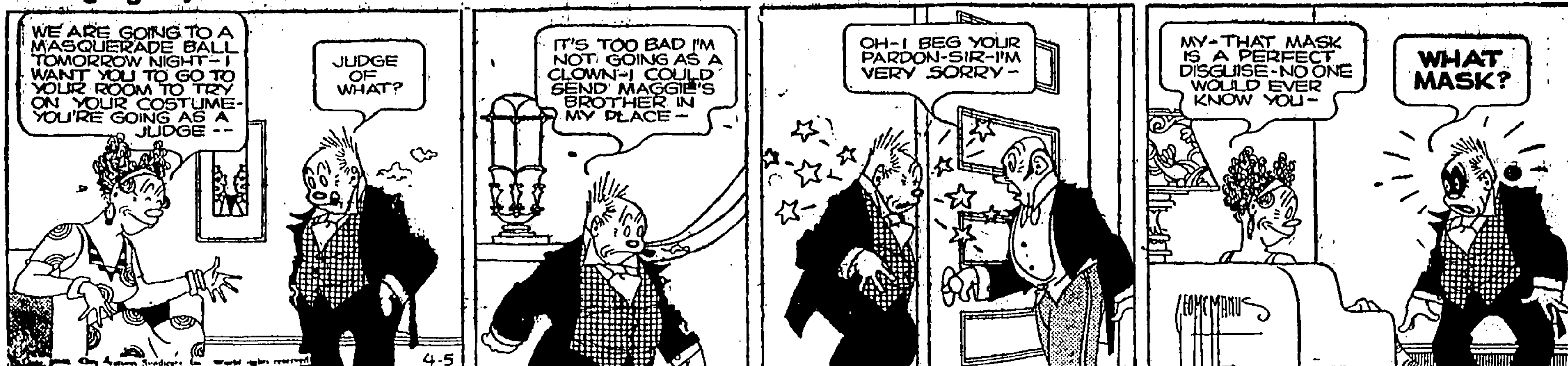
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NORTH POINT

Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN British Fashions And Fabrics

Probably no collection of fashion clothes has ever before been designed under such strange and strenuous conditions as the dresses which are included in the show of gowns from London to be shown in Buenos Aires and Rio, San Pao and Monte Video.

Its history goes back to last year, soon after France fell.

There were some who thought that the end of all high-class dressmaking had come. Even dress designers with international reputations and branch houses in London were dubious about the future of the dress industry in London.

They had always relied on France for the materials with which to express their best ideas. Was it possible, they wondered, to find British manufacturers able and willing to cooperate in producing the right kind of fashion fabrics.

The manufacturers said, in effect, "only tell us and we'll supply it."

Meantime His Majesty's Government had decided that the time had come to recognise the importance of the fashion trade as a national industry. With the backing of the Government a committee was set up to act as a liaison between the designers who had been asked to work on the collection, and the export groups through whom all materials were to be supplied.

It was the first time that the nine model houses, Norman Hartnell, the Queen's dressmaker, Capt. Edward Molyneux, whose models are known all over the world, Peter Russell, Worth, Paquin, Victor Stiebel, Digby Morton, Creed, who came to London when Paris fell, and La Chasse, had worked for one collection.

Then wartime difficulties came along to slow down progress.

No sooner had the first samples of materials been submitted to the designers than time bombs necessitated a hasty exit from headquarters. The samples had to be left to any fate that might overtake them for ten days.

High explosive bombs led to further delay. Samples rescued from debris in new quarters were taken to another home.

By this time the bombing of London was at its height.

Designers met, materials were chosen to the accompaniment of wailing sirens, the roar of bombers overhead, the noises of exploding bombs. And finally it was found that many of the fabrics chosen had been destroyed in the interval by enemy action.

By Corisande

Inevitably this involved further delays, the choosing of other fabrics. Interviews between dressmakers and manufacturers were held in strange places and at odd times.

The fashions and fabrics in this collection were born in beauty parlours, railway station waiting rooms, public-houses, cellars and restaurants, among other unlikely places. Shoes, gloves, handbags, belts, hats, were discussed under equally difficult conditions. The results you can judge for yourselves.

Tweeds and fine wools, rayons, the beauty of which we are only now learning fully to appreciate, satins, jerseys, linens and cottons are being shown.

In Great Britain we've always been rather proud of our tweeds and woollen materials; of our reputation as specialists in slick, clean-cut tailored suits.

These new wartime materials are better, from a fashion standpoint anyhow, than any yet produced, and equal, the designers themselves admit, to any that came from France. They are the result of repeated experiments. New feather-weight tweeds are made from fine quality yarns in soft pastel shades, as well as in brighter colour mixtures. Some are as fine and light as wool crepes, and are, in fact intended for use as dress fabrics.

Women in the Shetland Islands have produced tweed soft as cashmere. The men formerly employed in the industry are in trawlers, in mine sweepers, or engaged in other hazardous wartime service.

Next to tweeds come the flannels, in high favour this year—soft to the touch, cool to wear. Both are used for suits with slim fitting or pleated skirts, with coats that fit snugly round the hips, or hang loose and straight from the shoulder. There's plenty of variety and plenty of colour, if not in the material itself, then introduced in the form of a shirt or sweater in a contrasting colour. Green, yellow, and red are blended in one material used for a suit; again a violet wool is shown with an orchid-coloured

blouse, matching gloves, and buttonhole. This particular model is a good example of the care given to accessories. The buttons on the coat are in the form of watches, the belt a curb watch chain, with a watch replacing a buckle. Blue flannel is used for a blazer coat with a striped dress. A loose white flannel coat with squared shoulders, soft revers of beaver fur, and box lid pockets can be worn with anything you please.

Cotton comes high on the list of fashion fabrics. Experts have given special attention to the design, texture and colouring of cotton materials. You meet them as evening gowns, brightly printed, as smart tailored suits with wide revers of washing grosgrain, as snappy afternoon dresses, as garden frocks, or as a smartly sophisticated beach outfit.

It's interesting to hear that well-known artists, Vanessa Bell, Duncan Grant, and John Armstrong—close personal friend of Charles Laughton for whom he has designed many sets—with others equally gifted, may soon be cooperating to produce patterns and colours for cotton fashion materials.

The tailored cotton suits were among the models which Her Majesty the Queen specially admired when she inspected some of the models in this collection at Buckingham Palace before they left for South America.

Daytime dresses, with one or two exceptions, follow trim straight lines.

Evening gowns show wider differences in style.

There's a Spanish flavour about an evening dress of white spotted muslin with two black lace flounces on its wide spreading skirt, and its black lace cape, the hood of which is caught with a flower above the forehead.

Lace is used for slim, clinging gowns with ground length skirts. Frequently it is the background for embroidery in jewel-coloured crystals at the neck, on long sleeves, sometimes on the bodice and skirt.

Simple elegance is illustrated in every line of a bright red rayon dress. The coat is loose and knee length. It is worn with a gold turban and a specially designed gold necklet.

Net sprinkled with sequins, rich duchess satin, rayon patterned in pastel shades, velveteen—our most successful cotton material—used in black for a jewel embroidered evening cloak, with gloves similarly decorated, are other fabrics the designers have used for evening dress purposes.

On the whole I think South Americans will agree with me that the collection is a representative one. British designers, probably more than any others in the world, are forced to design clothes for people of a wide variety of interests and viewpoints. Their skill in doing this is well demonstrated in the models they have created for this collection.

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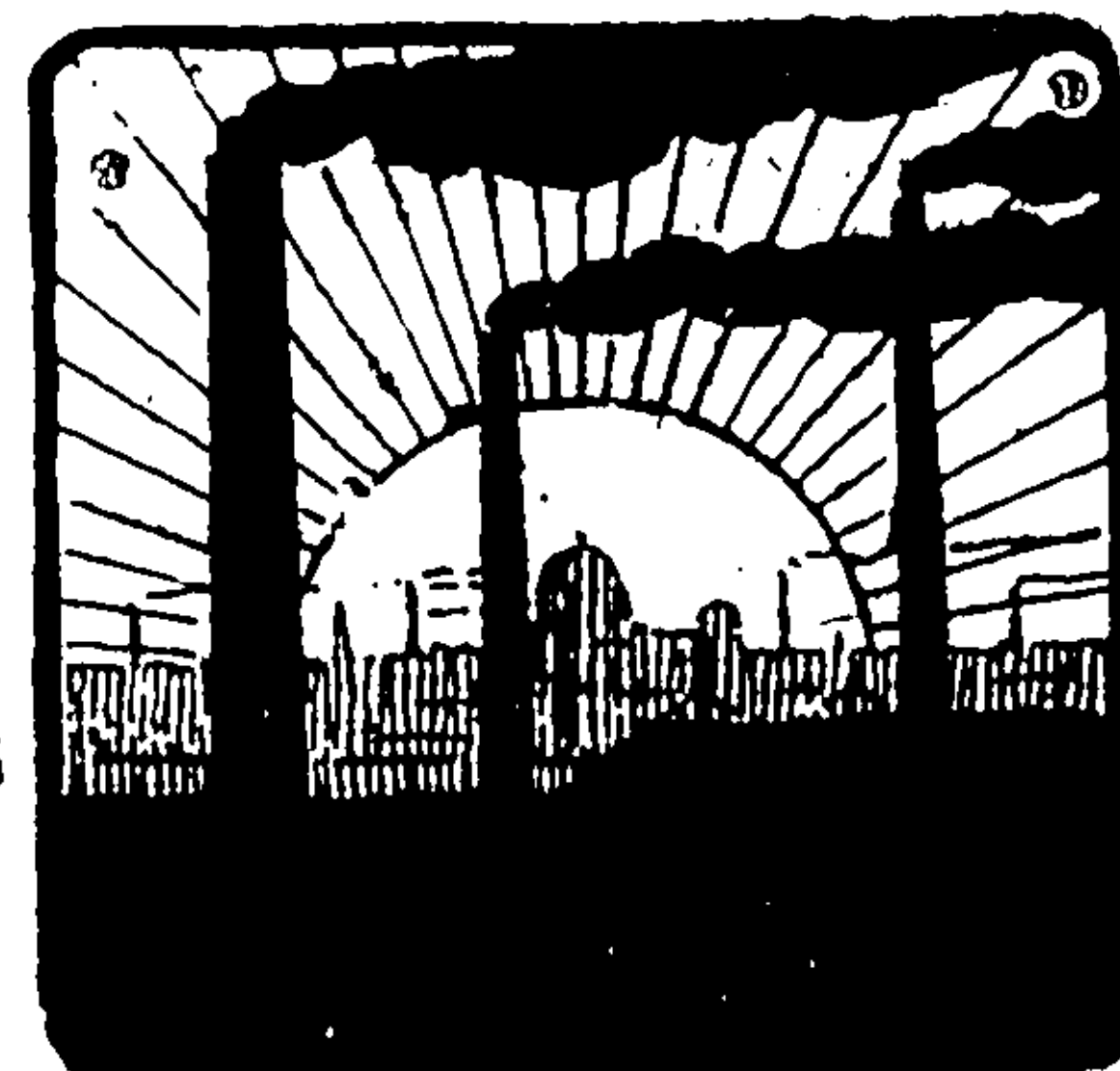
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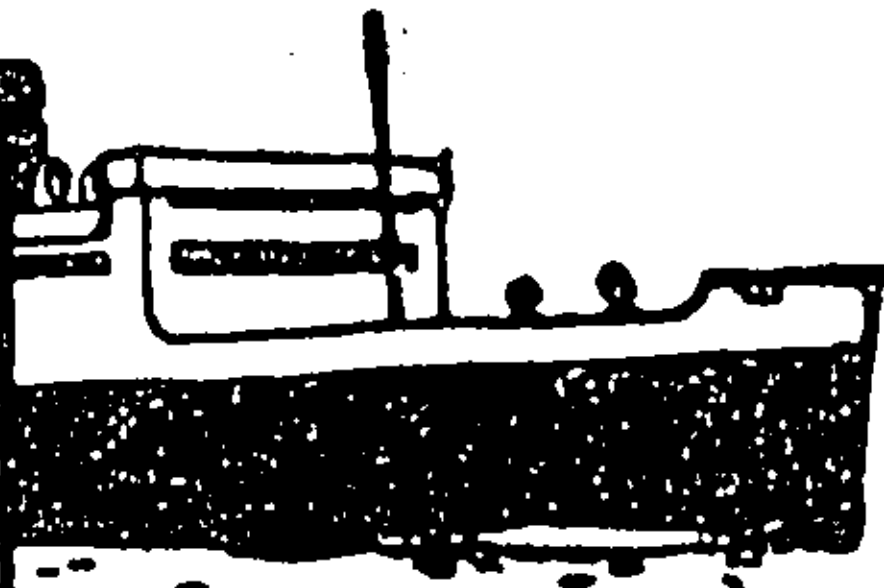
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7.45 p.m.—Grieg Songs.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".
8.30 p.m.—A Military Band Concert.
9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.
9.02 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ.
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9.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.
9.30 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Programme with Vocal Duets by Anna Ziegler and Webster Booth.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Safe In My Heart; When You Come to the End of a Journey... The Organ, The Dance Band & Me. Slow Fox-Trot—Careless; Fox-Trot—Seventeen Candles... Ambrose & his Orchestra. Swing Fox-Trots—Blue Strings; Keep Goin' Bert Firman's Quintuplets of Swing. Waltz—Little Anne... Jungherr's Accordion Melodians. Quickstep—Are You Havin' Any Fun? (from "The little dog laughed"); Slow Fox-Trot—Where or When (from "Babes in Arms")... Ambrose & his Orchestra. Tangos—Pura Milonga; Mal De Ausencia... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro. Quickstep—Swingin' In the Corn (film "Radio City Revels")... Nat Gonella & his Georgians. Fox-Trot—You've Done Something to My Heart; Slow Fox-Trot—The Drift (both from C. B. Cochran's "Eight Up")... Jack Hylton & his Orch.
11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things".
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

One-man Battle In China

An official tribute to the work of Sir Frederick Maze, Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, was paid in the House of Commons yesterday after a question about the control of the Customs in the occupied areas of China.

Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, pointed out that the Inspector-General continues to administer the Customs service all over China, including the Marine Department, which deals with lighthouses and harbour services, but he has to take into consideration the requirements of the occupying power in occupied areas.

Sir Alfred Knox asked whether it was realised that Sir Frederick Maze was putting up a single-handed fight for British interests in the Far East, and asked whether the Foreign Secretary would do everything possible to help him.

Mr. Eden replied: "I would join in paying the warmest possible tribute to the work Sir Frederick is doing."—Reuter.

AID TO BRITISH EXPORTERS

A NEW SYSTEM TO HELP BRITISH EXPORTERS TO AVOID UNNECESSARY DELAYS IN THE TRANSIT OF GOODS HAS BEEN INTRODUCED BY THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE BY MEANS OF THE ISSUE OF A "DESTINATION CONTROL CERTIFICATE."

Under present methods, when it is necessary to tranship goods, for example, at Lisbon for Switzerland, or at more distant ports like Singapore and Hong Kong, delays often occur, especially where there are British controls to prevent goods reaching the enemy.

Exporters holding an export licence will be able to obtain a "destination control certificate" which will go with the goods and at the transshipment port, or if the ship is intercepted by the British Navy, will act as a passport to obviate the need of examination by the authorities.—British Wireless.

WAS ROBIN MOOR SINKING PLANNED IN ADVANCE?

COMMENTING ON THE United States measures against German agencies and funds, the London "Times" writes editorially that everyone familiar with the kind of activity in which Germans living abroad are expected to engage under the direction of the Nazi organisation run by Herr Bohle, will understand why the U.S. Government felt compelled to terminate the long-standing abuse of American hospitality.

After recalling the circumstances of the sinking of the Robin Moor, "The Times" says that in addition to these plain facts, the American Government now has reason to believe the whole affair had been carefully planned, the approximate point of attack and the sort of vessel to be attacked being chosen to make the greatest possible impression on South American countries.

Remarking that verbal protests and arguments based on international law are "an ineffective means of dealing with pirates," the newspaper mentions the suggestion that American merchant ships be armed.

It adds it is also reported that negotiations are in progress for the construction of air bases on the coast of Brazil, for which credits would be advanced by the United States and which would be available for use by the American air force.

Vital Area

The Robin Moor was sunk in the waist of the Atlantic, about half way between Dakar and Pernambuco. It is a vital area for United States communications with South America, South Africa and East Africa.

"The Times" suggests that while a base on the Brazilian side would be useful, its usefulness would be more than doubled if supplemented by a base in West Africa. Sites in British Gambia no more than a day's motor run from Dakar could be leased to the United States on the analogy of the West Indian bases.—Reuter.

CHINA FINANCE CONFERENCE

At the opening of the Third National Financial Conference in Chungking yesterday, Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, called attention to the two important items on the Conference agenda, namely, readjustment and collection of the land tax by the Central Government and reform of the financial system.

These items, said Mr. Lin, were among the most important of resolutions adopted at the recent Plenary Session of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee and were of vital concern to the war of resistance and to national reconstruction.

Reform of the financial system, Mr. Lin said, constituted a fundamental condition of a modern state, for as the Central Government and local governments are one body politic, there must be intimate association between them.

Therefore, in the administration of finance there must be unity, which could only be achieved through the Central Government taking comprehensive measures.

Both measures aim at enriching the country, improving the livelihood of the people and at the same time coping with the demands of the war and of national reconstruction.

How to carry out these measures satisfactorily, Mr. Lin concluded, it was the duty of the delegates to the Conference to discuss and solve.—Central News.

INDO-CHINA WILL TAKE NO ACTION

No action is contemplated by Indo-China authorities against some 200 Britishers living in Saigon, following the Franco-British hostilities over Syria, reliable sources said.

Colonial officials are aware of the awkward position Indo-China occupies during the Syrian flare-up, but they hope they can keep aloof from any other French participation in the European conflict. Their aim, sources said, is to continue peaceful relations with other Far Eastern countries.

Business circles emphasised that Indo-China is virtually dependent upon the continuation of local trade to survive, since European trade has ceased. Therefore, they said, it is to the colony's advantage to retain the status quo.

In any event, it is believed that Indo-China will not participate, now that Anglo-French hostilities have begun.—Associated Press.

JAPANESE PLANNING NEW DRIVE?

INTENSIVE RECONNOITRING BY JAPANESE AIRCRAFT IN THE PAST TWO DAYS ALONG BOTH BANKS OF THE SIANG RIVER IN NORTHERN HUNAN, INCLUDING THE TOWNS OF HSIANG YING, SIN SHIH, AND CHING CHIN, IS CAUSING SPECULATION IN CHUNGKING WHETHER THE JAPANESE INTEND TO LAUNCH A DRIVE IN THAT REGION.

Field despatches from the Northern Hunan front report that the Japanese forces in Southern Hupeh along the Hupeh-Hunan highway have launched attacks between Tungchen, Tsungyang and Tungshan towards points on the Hunan border but it is pointed out that so far the fighting has been of minor importance.

Information reaching Chinese military authorities in Chungking indicates that the Japanese have been sending reinforcements to the Hankow area, probably between one and two divisions.—Reuter.

KING AND QUEEN ON TYNESIDE

The King and Queen spent seven hours yesterday touring shipbuilding yards at Tyneside. They saw every type of ship being constructed.

T. U. C. leaders told their Majesties there were no labour troubles of any kind at the yards which were working to utmost capacity.—British Wireless.

IMMIGRATION OFFICE REPORT

(Continued from Page 1)

Kong currency further complicated the situation. It was unavoidable that the officers of boarding squads, though unsecured, should have to handle very large sums of money in all sorts of currencies. No one could accurately estimate just how much money would be taken in by way of deposit or how much would have to be refunded on any particular day or on any voyage of a ship. In such circumstances we do not regard as heinous Mr. Forrest's expedients to find the cash which had to be got to satisfy depositors, nor the fact that perforce his officers had to handle large sums though financially unsecured. Such situations are apt to arise when a new system is enforced, and until some suitable arrangement could be made for collecting deposits before passengers embarked for Hong Kong some such expedient had to be resorted to in order to avoid protracted delays.

"Of the whole matter of the appointment of Mr. Kobza as general agent we take a very grave view adverse to Mr. Forrest. We cannot resist the conclusion that, having advocated the grant of a monopoly 'with the enthusiasm of a convert', Mr. Forrest, despite the adverse decision of the Governor in Council, determined to persist in the appointment of Mr. Kobza as agent in a preferential position to other agents. The provision in the agreement for its termination by three months' notice is one which might well give rise to misgivings in Mr. Forrest's heart, for Government on learning of the agreement might

order him to terminate it. The supplemental agreement was the remedy for any such unfortunate state of affairs. We can draw no other conclusion from Mr. Forrest's failure to take any advice, administrative, legal or financial, before executing such an agreement, from his failure to report its existence and from the later execution of the supplemental agreement. For the delegation of the power to grant immigration documents or for the issue of permits for which there is no statutory authority there can of course be no excuse. The whole transaction has left on our minds a profoundly bad impression, and is, in our judgment, quite indefensible.

Recruitment Of Staff

"As regards staff Mr. Forrest found himself from the very beginning beset by difficulties. As Mr. N. L. Smith said in the course of his evidence 'We did our best to get you staff but it was not easy at that time. The War Taxation Department had, I think, taken the cream off most departments in the previous twelve months.' Mr. Forrest therefore had, to a large extent, to build up a new organisation with material which had no previous training or experience of Government methods. He himself has told us that the proportion of untrained to trained personnel was never less than ten to one. A first advertisement inserted in the local press, for which Mr. Forrest was in no sense responsible, calls for applications for the post of Assistant Immigration Officer at a salary of \$450 per mensem (inclusive) and provides that applicants shall be British subjects of pure European descent between the ages of 21 and 28 and of a certain educational standard. We cannot refrain from the comment that thus to limit the field of a selection by excluding the great majority of possible local candidates to whom the salary offered would be a real inducement strikes us as hardly the most likely way to recruit a suitably intelligent and impeccable staff.

"Ultimately a staff was assembled, largely consisting, as far as the more senior and responsible posts are concerned, of Mr. Forrest's own personal friends. We hasten to say that to the appointment of friends simpliciter we take no objections, and there is no ground for suggesting that to any of his friends Mr. Forrest extended any preference in the department. On other grounds, however, the staff selected gives cause for great dissatisfaction. Among the European Assistant Immigration Officers are two whose shortcomings have already been reported to Government. When at the end of November, 1940, Mr. Forrest applied to Government for covering approval of the appointments which he had made, he was instructed to dispense with the services of three of them as soon as possible. One was dismissed forthwith; the other two whose past records will hardly bear close examination are still members of the Department. Further comment is surely unnecessary.

Complaints Of Discourtesy

"We have received and investigated a number of complaints containing allegations of discourtesy shown to members of the public by Mr. Forrest or members of his staff. It is only fair to say, however, that we also received a number of tributes to the invaluable courtesy, patience and helpfulness extended to the writers on their visits to the Immigration Office. To get this question in its proper perspective one must remember the conditions under which Mr. Forrest and his staff were working, in grossly inadequate accommodation, surrounded by a clamorous mob of applicants, and at the beck and call of everyone in the building. Of all the complaints we received and investigated only three in our opinion are sufficiently serious to make it impossible to explain them away by reference to the stiffness of the new machine or to the conditions under which work had to be carried on. When we say this we do not mean that other complaints were not well-founded, but only that they evidence either faults in the system which can easily be remedied, or a momentary petulance which in the circumstances was a most excusable

General Administration

"Under the heading of the general administration of the Department we took the opportunity during Mr. Forrest's illness, to

visit the main office at Marina House, the passport and deposit refund office and the depot at West Point. Even at that time, when the flood of applicants was obviously ebbing, there was a steady stream of visitors and we were able to examine and test the system from the first application for a permit form to the issue of the completed permit. The system, in spite of the extremely unfavourable surroundings in which it had to be carried out, struck us as essentially a good one, adequately safeguarding Government property and public moneys and issuing permits to the public without avoidable delay. In the early days no doubt the system did not work so smoothly as later when the staff had more experience and the pressure of work was less, but the system as in operation when we visited the office appeared to be adequate, and we see no reason why the department should not have operated normally if only a proper accounting system had been instituted; and perhaps, someone a little less temperamental than Mr. Forrest had been in charge.

"WE RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPOSIT SYSTEM BE ABANDONED OR DRASTICALLY RESTRICTED AS SOON AS CONVENIENTLY MAY BE.

"Mr. Forrest has been found by us to have been at fault in two major matters; and on one minor matter, that of discourtesy and lack of tact. We refer to that as a minor matter only because we are satisfied that Mr. Forrest is normally a most courteous and polite man, that in very many of his dealings with the public as Immigration Officer he displayed his usual politeness, patience and consideration and that it was only occasionally, and then, in part at least, because of ill-health and over-work, that he lost his temper and transgressed as we have found in an earlier paragraph.

"As regards the first of his two major faults, in our opinion Mr. Forrest is not in himself to blame; but rather the Government who appointed him Immigration Officer. We are satisfied that Mr. Forrest is lacking in business knowledge and in administrative and organising abilities. Further he is possessed of a temperament which renders him entirely unsuitable to be placed in charge of a new department, with its inevitable worries and complexities, as he is lacking in the qualities of discipline and self-control Mr. Forrest has been in the service of Government for over twenty years and Government must have been fully cognisant of his failings in these directions.

"For his second fault no such excuse can be found. We entertain no doubt that he deliberately, to further his own ends and give his own pet schemes a chance of proving their worth, disregarded the spirit of the instructions of the Governor in Council, and, by being a party to the supplemental agreement, did his best to render nugatory any orders which he might be given when the existence of the agreement with Kobza came to light. Mr. Forrest in our opinion, has proved himself unfit for the position of head of this, or of any other department, and we recommend that Government give the most careful consideration to the question of his retention in the public service.

Unhelpful Attitude

"Throughout the evidence we have heard we have been struck by the unhelpful attitude towards Mr. Forrest and his needs shown by some other departments and in particular by the Treasury and the Secretariat. Mr. Forrest's evidence to us lays great stress on this point, and, in our opinion, rightly. The files which we have read, as well as the oral evidence taken by us, show a marked inclination to let things alone, hoping against hope, no doubt that order would arise out of chaos. There is a noticeable tendency to write mordant minutes compact of destructive criticism where a little practical constructive advice would greatly have ameliorated things. Mr. Pudney's argument that because he has no disciplinary powers over other departments he is powerless to intervene does not impress us. Kindness has always proved a more potent training force than the threat of punishment for both children and animals; it might with advantage be tried in the case of heads of government departments.

"If the man in the street is late in his payment of war taxation or water rates Government has in force a most insistent and effective follow-up system which very soon ensures payment. If

SHELTERS UNDER TARGETS

Lord Horder, the King's physician, who spoke at a luncheon at the Overseas Club in London, expressed his concern afterwards at the number of children still left in congested areas in London.

"I visited four East End shelters last night just before the raid began," he said, "and in three of them there were more children than adults.

"I think the question will arise for the Minister of Health whether he may not have to do something more than continue on the voluntary basis of evacuation in certain vulnerable areas.

"The under-fives ought to go away, even if the mothers have to go with them. Some of them, in railway arch shelters, are actually sheltering under military objectives."

Lord Horder said that the Tube shelter population was still about 60,000.

U.S. BASES NEARLY READY

THE UNITED STATES NAVAL AND AIR BASES IN THE BERMUDA ISLANDS AND NEWFOUNDLAND WILL BE COMMISSIONED WITHIN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT OR MONTH.

This was announced in Washington yesterday by the Secretary of Navy, Col. Frank Knox.

The naval and air base on Morgan and Tucker Islands will be commissioned on July 1.—Reuter.

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STOREMAN FINED

Albert Hamid Harteam, 30, storeman, was fined \$10 or one month by Major A. N. MacFadyen at the Central Magistracy this morning, for the theft of four gallons of linseed oil from the Aberdeen Naval Base yesterday.

a rate-payer is ordered to abate a nuisance only a very short time elapses before the Government department concerned calls on him and assures itself that the necessary work has been well done. Cannot something of the same kind be done as regards Government departments? If there were an officer charged with the duty of seeing that orders given were punctually and effectively carried out, Secretariat files would cease to be, as are so many of those we have had to read, a mere record of calamity on calamity. We confidently recommend to Your Excellency the initiation of some such innovation in the government of the Colony.

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INTERPORT SWIMMING HOPES MAY YET MATERIALISE

Permission To Leave Hong Kong May Be Allowed

CHINESE 'Y' TO STAGE COLONY BASKETBALL LEAGUE NEXT MONTH

By "Sportshawk"

A NEW BASKETBALL LEAGUE, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF CHINESE Y.M.C.A. AND SCHEDULED TO START IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH, HAS SO FAR ATTRACTED AT LEAST ONE NON-CHINESE TEAM, VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB, AND IT IS EXPECTED U.S.S. MINDANAO WILL ALSO ENTER A TEAM.

The competition will be known as "The All-Colony Basketball League" and will be played on the open court of Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. on which the present Inter-School Basketball League is staged.

RECREIO TOO GOOD FOR "Y"

Club de Recreio were hosts to European Y.M.C.A. yesterday evening in a friendly return encounter of billiards and snooker and won by five games to one.

The closest match was between Soares and C. T. Eager in billiards. Soares made a break of 53, which was the second highest break of the evening.

A. J. Osmund scored 66, the highest break, in his billiards match against C. Terran, who had a break of 45.

L. Sykes had the distinction of scoring the highest break at snooker—19.

Snooker—J. C. Remedios 56 H. Jackson 63; J. E. Noronha 55 E. H. de Cosier 44; A. P. Pereira 142 L. Sykes 56.

Billiards—E. M. Soares 150 C. T. Eager 147; R. F. Luz 150 W. H. Ingleby 92; A. J. Osmund 208 C. Terran 70.

BILLIARDS TOURNEY PLANNED

Mr. I. T. Yung, proprietor of the Central and Public billiards saloons, China Building, intends to run a tournament in the early autumn and feels confident there will be sufficient entries to ensure its success.

There are five tables at the Central and six at the Public saloons respectively, and, according to the management, it is not uncommon to see breaks of 100 at these establishments.

Mr. Yung has been in this particular line of business for over 10 years and he is amazed at the rapid strides made by the Chinese at billiards.

Rain washed out the baseball game yesterday between the Hong Kong Baseball Club and U.S.S. Mindanao and all "C" Division League Tennis matches.

Two world athletic records were broken yesterday in Los Angeles. Les Steers cleared 6 ft. 11 in. in the high jump and a four-man team from the University of California covered the mile in 3.3.25—Baylor.

Due to the heavy rain this morning to-day's League Tennis matches have been postponed.

CONN STEADY AS ROCK

New York, June 18.

Billy Conn, who is expected to give Joe Louis his hardest fight since the latter won the world heavyweight boxing title when they meet to-night, weighed in today at 12 stone 6 lb., which was much below expectations, while Joe Louis weighed in at 14 stone 3 lb., 2 ounces.

Doctor William Walker stated that both men were in excellent condition, adding that Conn showed least sign of nerves in his blood pressure and pulse than any fighter he has ever examined.

The weather forecast is "clear, with moderate temperature."—Reuter.

This is Louis' 18th defence of the title he won from James Braddock.

Not since the Dempsey-Carpenter fight for the world title on July 2, 1921, when Dempsey won by a knockout in the 4th round, has so much interest been taken locally in a world title bout, many men from the American warships in port laying odds on a Conn victory.

PAST AND PRESENT: 17 MINUTES

According to a Chinese report, a 53-year-old man recently took part in a 10,000 metres long distance race at the second annual athletic meeting held in Chengtu, completing the course in 56 minutes.

In this connection it may be recalled that Li Yuk-fung, 20-year-old student at Nam Sheung College and winner of last year's Marathon race organised by Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union, covered the Boys' "A" Grade 10,000 metres in 39 minutes to win this event at the recent All-Schools' Sports Meeting in the Colony, under the auspices of South China Athletic Association.

Three teams have so far entered this League. They are Victoria Recreation Club, the Indian Contingent of Police Force and Sing Tao Sports Club, holders of last year's All-Chinese Colony Basketball League title. The last tournament was also organised by Chinese Y.M.C.A. and decided in their gymnasium in Hong Kong.

Apart from those already entered, it is understood that South China A.A., Eastern, Chinese Y.M.C.A., Pul Ying College, Canton University and Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union also contemplate joining.

Entries close on Monday, June 30, and should be sent to Chinese Y.M.C.A.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB'S CHARITY CUP

Kowloon Golf Club have just started a Summer "Charity Cup" competition, match play on bogey, which will be held during the months of July/September. Members desiring to participate may take out as many cards as they like, at \$1 per card, the lowest score at the end of the tournament winning the prize.

Proceeds from the competition will be donated to the different charities at the discretion of the Committee.

EASIER GOLF

WARMING UP & COOLING DOWN By Best Ball

Like the ballplayer warming up before taking his turn at bat, the golfer can also gradually attune his muscles for play. The pros make it a point to find time in which to drive a few off the practice tee, but the average golfer, as a rule, has no such opportunity or time to get ready. The player can, however, swing a couple of clubs as shown above in a leisurely and smooth fashion back and forth to loosen up his muscles. The routine, primarily designed to eradicate the kinks, also comes in handy in adjusting one to calmer thought and action. Rushing to the golf course, the golfer is so often saturated with the sense of hurry and jerky action that his play reflects it. For the sake of better playing and enjoyment, a more tranquil temperament must prevail and a pretty fair cure lies in swinging the two clubs in slow motion tempo. Another purpose is served in that the golfer feels the lightness of one club later in actual play and it can be swung with a more confident



sense of feeling and velocity. Continued practice will strengthen the muscles of the arms and shoulder and the grip. Gene Sarazen similarly employed an overweight driver for practice sessions for greater swing development. Next Article—Turn Left Shoulder Around.

MANILA ASKED FOR DETAILS

By "Referee"

INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE INTERPORT SWIMMING CONTEST BETWEEN MANILA AND HONG KONG MAY YET MATERIALISE, PRESENT UNFAVOURABLE CONDITIONS NOTWITHSTANDING.

It will be recalled that late last season, Manila, after accepting an invitation from Victoria Recreation Club to send a team to Hong Kong, had to abandon the idea at the last moment as permission could not be obtained from the authorities in that port for the swimmers to make the trip. A counter-suggestion was then made by Manila that Hong Kong should send a team to Manila instead, but this was also shelved at the time, as it was then too late in the season for any arrangements to be made.

Early this season V.R.C. again sent an invitation to Manila, but again the difficulty of securing permission for the team to leave cropped up. Equally keen that this contest should materialise, Manila again asked V.R.C. to send a team to that port.

ORIGINALLY IT WAS FEARED THAT DIFFICULTIES OF OBTAINING PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE COLONY, OWING TO VOLUNTEER AND OTHER DUTIES, ETC., WOULD FORCE V.R.C. OFFICIALS TO DROP THE MATTER AGAIN, BUT IT HAS SINCE BEEN ASCERTAINED THAT THE CHANCE OF SECURING THE NECESSARY PERMISSION IS BRIGHTER THAN WAS FIRST THOUGHT POSSIBLE.

Details Required

V.R.C. have again written Manila asking for further details regarding the arrangements for the visit, and in this connection they are fortunate in that Mr. L. R. Hildebrando, well-known local sports organiser, has been appointed official representative of V.R.C. On his return to the Philippines in the near future he will be able to discuss details with the Manila officials, and it is confidently felt that Mr. Hildebrando's knowledge of local conditions will prove of great value in concluding negotiations for the tour.

It was originally suggested that Hong Kong should send 10 or 12 men swimmers and some 6 to 8 lady competitors. This, however, together with details regarding the programme, have not yet been decided on, and will be left in abeyance until negotiations reach a later stage.

TO-DAY'S WATER POLO GAMES

Following are to-day's water-polo fixtures:—
Navy "A" v Navy "B"
(Navy Pool) 6 p.m.
European Y.M.C.A. v Navy "C"
(Navy Pool) 6.30 p.m.
Middlesex "A" v Royal Scots "A"
(Army Pool) 7.15 p.m.
Combined Small Units v 36th Bty. R.A.
(Army Pool) 7.45 p.m.
Signals v 5th A.A. Regt. R.A.
("Y" Pool) 7.15 p.m.
Royal Scots "B" v 29th Bty. R.A.
(("Y" Pool) 7.45 p.m.

TOURNAMENT STANDINGS TO DATE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Signals	7	7	0	0	34	6	14
5th R.A.	6	6	0	1	21	11	11
Middlesex "A"	6	5	1	0	23	9	10
Royal Navy "A"	7	5	2	0	23	13	10
Royal Scots "A"	6	5	1	0	21	10	10
European "Y"	6	3	2	0	14	6	6
C.S. Units	6	2	3	1	12	5	5
Royal Navy "B"	6	2	3	1	17	5	5
Royal Navy "C"	6	1	5	0	11	4	3
5th A.A. Regt.	6	0	4	2	13	2	2
Middlesex "B"	6	0	4	0	14	2	2
Royal Scots "B"	4	0	4	0	2	0	0
29th R.A.	4	0	4	0	2	0	0
36th R.A.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

D. McCallum, Interport hockey player, is back in the Colony after a tour in Australia.

BOWLS TEAMS

Following are some of the teams for Saturday's Lawn Bowls League games:—

H.K.F.C.

Friendly (v. Recreio, Home)
E. Casey, C. Carr, A. W. Hircok and T. H. Pearce (Skip)
A. Bailey, C. G. Solis, J. Hempsey and J. D. Thomson (Skip)
Third Division (v. C.C.C., Home)
A. C. Grattan, J. Russell, G. Stephens and B. A. Mansell (Skip)
K. Forrow, J. M. Thomson, C. B. Robertson and G. Graver (Skip)
E. Strange, E. Anslow, J. Ralston and S. Strange (Skip)
C.C.C.

First Division (v. I.R.C., Away)
J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury (Skip)
A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, R. Basa and U. M. Omar (Skip)
Y. A. Razack, L. Gaddi, J. S. Landolt and C. S. Rossett (Skip)
Second Division (v. H.K.C.C., Home)
A. A. Razack, S. R. Solima, E. Zimmern and T. Lock (Skip)
J. H. Xavier, M. A. Baptista, L. E. Lammert and M. J. Medina (Skip)
E. J. Todd, A. Kitchell, W. Ward and W. K. Way (Skip)
Third Division (v. H.K.F.C., Away)
L. M. Roza, A. E. S. Alves, E. S. Franks and A. J. Coelho (Skip)
F. X. Delgado, W. J. Curd, Dr. C. W. Lam and Dr. N. P. Karanjia (Skip)
W. E. Broadbridge, F. K. Modi, G. S. Ladd and D. A. Rozario (Skip)
KOWLOON F.C.

Second Division (v. K.F.G.C.A., Home)
B. D. Evans, A. A. Dand, V. Chittenden and W. C. Simpson (Skip)
W. Naef, A. Eastman, C. Dowman and E. Kern (Skip)
A. Lapsley, V. Atienza, P. Young-husband and W. V. Field (Skip)
Third Division (v. H.K.C.C., Chatter Road)
B. Thomson, S. C. Wong, C. H. Fuller and T. Fergusson (Skip)
G. E. Cross, C. Woodcock, A. Macintyre and R. M. Ogden (Skip)
B. Williams, G. Frost, Y. Abbas and J. T. Smalley (Skip)
Reserves:—W. Ogley, W. Seraphina and J. Gibson.

SCHOOLS' BICYCLE RACING

A bicycle-racing contest, sponsored by Chinese Y.M.C.A., will be held on Wednesday, July 2, at Caroline Hill before the schools break up for their mid-Summer holidays.

The meet will be confined to students of the Colony's schools and the contestants will be required to undergo a medical examination before their entries are accepted.

Manager Pepper Martin of Sacramento of the Pacific Coast League benched himself after hitting into three double plays in one game. One of them came with the bases full and the base needing a run to tie Los Angeles.

K.B.G.C. INTER-CHANGE LEADS FOR SATURDAY'S LEAGUE BOWLS MATCH

OWING TO THE INACTIVITY OF A NUMBER OF CLUBS LAST SATURDAY, DUE TO THE INCLEMENT WEATHER, THERE ARE FEW CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE VARIOUS FIRST DIVISION TEAMS FOR THE COMING SATURDAY'S GAMES.

Both Recreio "A" and I.R.C., who met last week, have made no changes in their sides, while Craigen-gower are making only one change, promoting L. Gaddi in place of W. K. Way, who will again skip a Second Division rink.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club "A" have inter-changed the leads of two rinks. Sykes will play No. 1 in A. J. Hall's rink in place of R. P. Phillips, who takes Sykes' place in J. McKelvie's rink.

Several changes have been made in the K.B.G.C. "B" rinks. H. Bicknell will be No. 2 in J. Meyer's rink in place of Morton, who replaces the promoted G. W. Deacon as No. 2 in Guy's rink. Sherriff is an absentee from this rink and E. A. Atkins will be taking his place.

In Recreio's Second Division team A. V. Barros goes No. 2 in place of E. L. Barros, who will be seen in the same position, in place of F. J. Marques, in J. R. Soares' rink. A. F. Noronha has been promoted from the third team to O. P. Remedios' rink, and C. C. Pereira's four is unchanged.

One H.K.C.C. Change

R. A. Edwards will be seen in place of E. Hospes in A. W. Brown's rink, otherwise the Hong Kong Cricket Club team is unchanged.

Todd takes the place of M. Roza, who returns to the third team, in Craigen-gower's second team, while W. K. Way takes over the absent H. W. Randall's rink and M. J. Medina will skip his rink, Lock's rink is unchanged.

Police, strong aspirants for Third Division honours, are bringing in E. Greenwood vice H. Dewar in A. E. Carey's rink, and this is their only change, while Craigen-gower will have A. E. S. Alves in place of W. J. Curd in A. J. Coelho's rink. Curd takes the place of R. K. Pavri in N. P. Karanjia's rink and W. E. Broad-bridge will be at No. 1 instead of E. J. Todd in D. A. Rozario's rink.

Hong Kong Cricket Club have made several changes. E. S. Abraham, their on'y 100 per cent. skip, will be an absentee, and P. S. Cassidy will skip his rink, the only change being W. R. Lambert vice P. Morrison at No. 2. Archie Nissim will take over Cassidy's rink and A. S. Mitchell, No. 3 to A. McKellar in his last game, will skip the third rink, in which B. J. Lacon will be at No. 1 in place of L. E. N. Ryan, who will be at No. 2 with H. F. Shields promoted from No. 2 to No. 3.

K. F. C. Reshuffle

K.F.C. have made a change in skips —P. Younghusband, who lost his 100 per cent. record to C. C. Pereira in his last appearance, is playing No. 3 to W. V. Field in place of V. Chittenden, and E. Kerr is going to skip in his place with C. Dowman as his No. 3. W. C. Simpson will skip the third rink, with B. D. Evans as No. 1 instead of A. A. Dand, who is at No. 2 in place of C.

BREAKING-IN NEW BATCH OF AUSTRALIANS

The "breaking-in" of the 28 subscription griffins and 20 griffins which arrived from Australia last month was commenced at the Race Course last Tuesday morning.

It is further understood that the balance of the shipment, comprising 24 griffins and 48 "subs," will arrive in the near future, in two lots. These ponies will not be racing until next February at the earliest.

The present bunch appear to be in excellent shape after a very comfortable trip.

A Roller Skating Challenge

With Cheng Kwan-min as trainer-captain-secretary, a team representing Empress Skating Rink, Nathan Road, is now hard at practice for a challenge hockey match on roller-skates against a team from Ciro Skating Rink, Caroline Hill, which is scheduled to take place early next month.

A nominal charge for admission will be made and proceeds will be donated to a number of free schools for Chinese orphans.

Other members of the Empress team are Chui Cheung-leung, Wong Sik-ko, Yau Tang-wo, Mak Wai-ming, Lo Chi-keung, Wong Cheung-kin and Chan Ki-tim.



CHENG KWAN-MIN

The "ball" used is very similar to the puck used in ice-hockey.

key, but though this new game to the Colony is not quite as fast as its ice-counterpart it should be, nevertheless, interesting enough. There are eight players in each team.

In addition to this match competitions will be held between the two rinks in fancy skating (men, women and children), while there will also be an arithmetic race and a thread the needle race.

AN EXHIBITION IN FANCY SKATING WILL BE GIVEN BY SOME OF THE LEADING MEMBERS OF HONG KONG SKATING ASSOCIATION, WHO HAVE BEEN INVITED BY THE MANAGEMENT OF THE EMPRESS SKATING RINK TO BE PRESENT.

Cyclone Sports Club, winners of the Softball League for 1941, are the latest addition to the fast-increasing number of clubs to take up hockey on roller skates. At Ciro's Skating Rink yesterday they beat a team from Hong Kong Skating Association by 6 goals to 0; Wali Mohamed (4) A. R. Markar and J. Kitchell being responsible for the goals.

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THRILLS IN RAID ON BETHUNE

The attack by Blenheim bombers with a strong fighter escort on an important industrial plant near Bethune, in occupied France, was made in daylight and there was no cloud cover.

Sticks of bombs were dropped right across the plant. Fires were at once started and in a few seconds quantities of smoke were rising high into the air.

"As I watched the smoke curling up I imagined that there would be no more to see," said one observer, "but evidently the flames had touched off chemicals in the works for there were sudden bright explosions."

"They must have caused much destruction in the curious onion-shaped cooling towers, for the clouds of smoke immediately increased and thickened."

As the aircraft made for home their path was lined with black puffs of exploding A.A. shells.

Overhead, against a background of blue sky and very high cirrus clouds, fighters were busy beating off Nazi fighter attacks.

A YELLOW NOSED MESSERSCHMIDT GOT AMONGST THE BOMBERS AND FOUR OF THEM OPENED FIRE AT CLOSE RANGE. THE ENEMY WAS HIT AND BROKE OFF THE FIGHT WITH BLACK

Fighters In Constant Action

THE DESTRUCTION of 20 enemy aircraft in the Western Desert battle on Tuesday was the feature of yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communique, which said that R.A.F. and South African aircraft continued to give full support to the operations by ground forces in the Western Desert.

Fighters repeatedly engaged enemy aircraft which attempted to attack troops, and destroyed 12 Junkers 87's, two G 50's and six Messerschmidt 109's.

During the day they were also active in machine-gunning enemy motor transport on roads in the Gazala area and did considerable damage.

Bomber aircraft carried out a number of attacks on enemy armoured cars and transport. In the Sidi Omar area bombs fell among tanks and transport, area armoured cars, light tanks

SMOKE POURING FROM THE ROOT OF THE PORT WING. Ground crews were waiting at the base for the bombers to return and as they circled before landing, the word went round that all were safe. — British Wireless.

destroying or disabling more than 20 vehicles, and in the same area troops concentrations were shot up.

During the night of June 16 17 heavy bombers attacked a number of targets.

Hits were registered on the central mole and elsewhere in the harbour area at Benghazi.

Bardia Raid

Bombs were dropped on the landing grounds at Derna and Gazala where a number of fires were started, and at Bardia several motor transport vehicles were set on fire and others damaged.

There is nothing of outstanding importance to report from other fronts.

From all these operations six aircraft are missing. — Reuter.

GERMAN TROOP TRANSPORT TORPEDOED

It was officially announced in London yesterday that British submarines operating in the Aegean have torpedoed and sunk an Italian tanker and three caiques.

One of the latter was laden with German personnel, and another with drums of oil.

British submarines in the central Mediterranean have sunk two Italian supply ships.

The Italian tanker was the Giuseppina Gharardi, of 3,319 tons. — Reuter.

GENERAL AGENT DECISION

THE FUNCTIONING OF THE GENERAL AGENT OF THE IMMIGRATION OFFICE IS TO CONTINUE FOR ANOTHER TWO OR THREE MONTHS, IT WAS OFFICIALLY LEARNED THIS AFTERNOON.

At the end of this period it may be abolished or some arrangement may be agreed upon, by negotiation, for the General Agent to function as an ordinary Agent without preferential powers.

"ON PAYMENT OF EXPENSES"

It is authoritatively learned in Shanghai that the kidnappers of Dr. Robert Szé, Registrar of St. John's University, have offered his return unharmed if friends or the family pay "the expenses of the kidnapping." — International News Service.

STOP PRESS

LOUIS WINS

Joe Louis, holder of the world heavyweight boxing crown, successfully defended his title for the 18th time since he won it from James Braddock in 1937 when he beat Billy Conn, who was conceded an excellent chance of wresting the crown from the "Brown Bomber," on a knock-out in the 13th round at New York last night. — Reuter.

The Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd, moving the first reading of the Ordinance to amend and consolidate the War Revenue Ordinance stated:

At the last meeting of this Council Your Excellency spoke of the need for greater economic war effort on the part of the people of Hong Kong and invited comparison with the effort and sacrifices which are being made by the people of the United Kingdom. In the hope and belief that Your Excellency's words were timely and acceptable to all Government, while appreciating the recommendations of the reconstituted War Revenue Committee, proposes to go one step further and except in the case of Salaries Tax to which I shall refer presently — raise the rates of the war taxes to seven and fourteen per cent. The estimated yield from the five war taxes on this basis is \$15,400,000 per annum. If this sum is realised, and taking into account the \$5,000,000 surplus of revenue over expenditure in 1940-41, the expected total revenue for the current financial year more than equates the commitments at present known. I am afraid, however, that other commitments will inevitably appear; in fact some are already looming on the financial horizon.

The Bill which is now before Council provides therefore for taxation at the basic rates of seven and fourteen per cent. In implementation of Your Excellency's pledge that attention would be given to the question whether this further increase in the basic rates would react harshly on lower-salaried residents who have to maintain a family elsewhere than in the Colony, having regard to the very considerable increases that are being made in the allowances for wives and children, Government has decided that payment of Salaries Tax on the first five thousand dollars should not be increased beyond the six per cent. recommended by the Committee. The effect of this concession is that a man with a wife and no children will not pay more in Salaries Tax than he did last year unless his income is more than \$11,000 while a man with a wife and one, two or more children will not, generally speaking, pay more unless his income is over \$15,000. I was, however, authorised to-day by Your Excellency to say that further consideration will be given to the question of increasing the allowances for the third and fourth children; if on this account it is necessary to amend the Bill the amendment can be made in the Committee stage at the Second reading. To offset the concession to married taxpayers Government proposes to tax the unmarried more heavily by reducing the exemption limit of \$4,800 a year to \$3,600; in this connection I would point out that the exemption limit for United Kingdom income Tax now stands at £110 or \$1,760.

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, introducing in Legislative Council this afternoon the motion "That, in the opinion of this Council Government should not resort to its extraordinary emergency powers to attain an end unconnected with the emergency," said his object was not to indulge in an academic discussion on a theoretical constitutional problem, but to draw attention to certain answers which Government recently gave to my questions concerning the destruction and demolition of squatters' huts at Tai Hang because, in my view, these answers raise an urgent and vital issue on the question of constitutional government. We know that Government is armed, and has necessarily to be armed, with very drastic powers affecting the liberty of the subject for the purpose of dealing with an emergency. Some of these extraordinary and emergency powers are derived, not from any local ordinance, but from Orders-in-Council, over which this Council has no control at all. But it seems to me that because such far-reaching powers are vested in Government, it is absolutely essential that they should only be used for the purpose of, and in relation to, the emergency. As a member of this Council I feel I cannot let pass unchallenged the exercise of these extraordinary powers by Government on the principle implicit in the Government action in the Tai Hang squatters' case, and I accordingly move the Motion standing in my name.

The Colonial Secretary said that if the motion now before the Council were merely on the general question of constitutional policy which its wording would suggest there was no one in the Council, official or unofficial, who would not give it his wholehearted support.

"The Honourable Mr. Lo, however," has in his speech linked the motion with the action taken against certain squatters which was the subject of debate in our meeting of 22nd May. As was stated on that date there was in this case no question of defence involved. The emergency dealt with in November, 1938 was the vast influx of refugee squatters which followed the unfortunate events in South China at that time, and the resultant dangers to the public health of the Colony. That emergency, so far from being mitigated by the outbreak of war, has continued and unfortunately still continues, so much so that the 1938 "Squatters and Destitutes" Regulations were successively fortified by the provisions which are to be found in Government Notifications 813 of 1939 and 146 and 1290 of 1940.

To deal with such a situation quick action is necessary and this was no doubt in the minds of members of this Council when they approved of the November, 1938 Regulations and the three amendments which have followed.

The Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas seconded Mr. Lo's resolution, and a vote was taken. The motion was defeated.

The Cairo communique announcing that General Wavell's forces have withdrawn to their forward positions with hundreds of prisoners, means that the three-day Battle of the Tanks is ended. — Reuter.

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